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TURKS HAD 800 KILLED BRITISH LOSSES 200

Advancing Turks Repulsed by British With Heavy Losses—British Losses Were but Slight—Two Classes of Greek Troops Have Been Ordered DisBanded. The French Commander at Salonika says the Allies Are Ready for Any Attack—Dissatisfaction Among Russian Troops Is Reported From Caucasus Because of Hardships and Poor Equipment. Newly Elected Greek Premier Relinquishes His Claim to the Premiership—Five Vessels Torpedoed and Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 27.—The British forces turned back the advancing Turkish troops with heavy losses to the attackers Saturday at Kutflara, according to the official report which General Townsend, from Delhi, made public here today. The report says 800 Turks were killed or wounded and the British casualties were less than 200.

The disbanding of two classes of Greek troops now held to the colors, has been ordered by a royal decree, says an Athens dispatch.

The French commander at Saloniki today announces the defenders are ready to meet any attack and says the place is virtually impregnable.

Dissatisfaction among the Russian troops in Caucasus is reported from advices reaching Berlin, which say the Russian army is demoralized by hardship and poor equipment.

Advices say that M. Gounaris, whose party won in the recent Greek elections, has renounced his claim to the premiership and will support the Skouloudis ministry.

The capture of several towns by Montenegrins from the Austrians is reported from Paris in the official advices.

Serbian King in Italy.
[By Associated Press.]
Brindisi, Italy, Dec. 27.—Aged King Peter of Serbia today reached here on an Italian cruiser and was brought

AMERICANS MINISTER TO PRISONERS

Open Reading Rooms and Recreation Halls in Germany for War Prisoners.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Through the generosity of Americans, eleven reading rooms and recreation halls for prisoners of war have been erected in camps throughout Germany. The average cost of these buildings has been 6,000 marks (\$1,500) but in many cases camp commanders have added large sums from their personal fortunes in order that the libraries might be more ornate or spacious.

The conditions governing the gifts from the Americans have without exception been such that none of the money might be expended for books, and it has been the task therefore of the "Committee for the Erection of Soldiers' Homes in the East and Southeast" to gather literature of all kinds and send it, not only to the eleven halls, but also to the most extended trenches.

On the German side at least the war has drawn in men from every walk of life, including students, teachers and others of a very high degree of education. The literary demands from the front therefore have been extremely varied, and the book-suppliers have been put to it to lay their hands on technical works and other volumes.

Between France, England and Germany there has existed for some time a sort of working agreement by which books in the three languages are exchanged for the benefit of the prisoners of war in the three countries. Negotiations along the same line are now being conducted with Russia, and

ashore in an arm chair, so weakened was the monarch from the rough voyage. He has refused to leave his crushed army until appealed to by the crown prince who persuaded him to go and regain his strength that he may return at the head of the reorganized army.

Russians Won Victory.

[By Associated Press.]
Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The defeat by the Russians of a large force of German-Turkish troops in Persia was reported officially today. Several thousand Persian insurgents were among the defeated forces who lost several positions.

Four Vessels Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 27.—The sinking of the Belgian steamer *Ministre Beernaert* and the possible loss of two boat loads of her crew was reported today. The British steamers *Cottingham*, *Hadley* and *Embla* also were reported sunk. All the crews were saved.

French Steamer Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]
Paris, Dec. 27.—The French steamer *Ville de la Viotat*, with passengers, was torpedoed and sunk on Dec. 24 by a submarine, it was announced today. Most of the passengers are reported saved, but the details are still lacking.

a shipment of 3,000 volumes in Russian from the University of Warsaw is soon to be distributed among Russian prisoners of war.

The committee has the names and addresses of 38,000 German soldiers on the various fronts, with whom correspondence has been opened pertaining to special books that are desired. As fast as it is possible to obtain the volumes they are forwarded to the trenches.

A feature of the work is so-called wandering libraries, containing books of all sorts for both officers and men, which are sent to one company, read, and sent on to another. There are also a number of so-called field gray books, which have gray paper covers and are adaptable to use in the trenches.

The paper which goes into the literature for the front costs alone 10,000 marks per shipment, and the postage amounts to another 6,000 marks. The distribution is aided in part by wagons from the Emperor's stables, twenty of which carry loads of 500 volumes from point to point.

Two Americans, Conrad Hoffman and James E. Sprunger, are actively engaged in the work of supplying reading for prisoners of war and for soldiers. They formerly were active in English camps and then came over to Germany to continue their work.

The efforts of the committee to erect soldiers' homes has resulted in the construction of 18 buildings, at a cost from three to five thousand marks apiece, where thousands of soldiers are cared for and given some of the creature comforts of homes.

Orders for poll tax not necessary to have revenue stamp. We have just received notice from Internal Revenue Collector A. S. Walker that orders for poll tax not required to have revenue stamp. W. I. McCulloch, Tax Collector, Brazos County, Texas.

BILLION AND HALF SECURITIES TAKEN

Every Foreign Country Selling American Stocks and Bonds, Fifty Millions Bought in France.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$1,500,000,000 (par value) of American securities, which were foreign-owned when the European war broke out, have been absorbed in the United States during the past 16 months, financial experts estimated here today.

The Delaware and Hudson Company announced Thursday that statistics furnished by the 141 principal railroads of the United States showed that \$480,892,000, with 35 (par value) of American railroad securities of all forms were transferred from foreign to American owners between February 1 and July 31, 1915. In addition to this amount the company estimated that between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 was bought by Americans from foreigners during the same period, but had not been actually transferred when the figures were compiled.

Experts pointed out that not only had Americans bought back an enormous volume of domestic securities, but that the recent \$500,000,000 Anglo-French war loan had been virtually absorbed here, thus bringing the total of securities taken from foreign sources to at least \$2,000,000,000.

In reaching this estimate experts took into account a previous statement from the Delaware and Hudson that more than \$350,000,000 (par value) of American railroad securities had come back to this country between September, 1914, and February, 1915.

Another important consideration was the fact that during the last five or six months large quantities of American securities of all kinds have been pouring back to this country, chiefly from Great Britain and France. However, nearly every foreign country has appeared as a seller of American stocks and bonds. While there is no possibility of approximating the market value of the securities thus absorbed in the last 16 months, it was generally believed that the market value is considerably less than the par value.

While this absorption has sent a large amount of gold abroad, the outflow has been largely offset by economic developments. The dividends and interest on the issues formerly foreign-owned will now remain in this country. This phase of the matter was considered highly important by experts.

One of the largest individual absorptions announced by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., is the purchase in France of \$50,000,000 4 per cent bonds of the Central Pacific.

BELL COUNTY NOW DRY.

Prohibition Became Effective as Result of Recent Election.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 27.—Over forty saloons and beer halls yielded up their ghosts in Bell County Saturday night when county prohibition became effective as the result of an election held Nov. 13. A number had closed their doors at various times since the election, either through expiration of leases and license or selling out of stock. In Temple the change took effect quietly and without unusual disturbance.

PEVERLEY-DILLARD.

Last night, after the sacred cantata at the First Baptist Church, Mr. Harry E. Peverley of this city and Miss Irene Dillard of Hearne were united in marriage at the pastor's home, the pastor, Rev. M. E. Weaver, officiating. The beautiful ring service was used. Only relatives and close friends were present. The bride was attired in an exquisite dress of velvet, while the groom was attired in a suit of conventional black.

A more extended notice will appear in the society columns of the Eagle next Saturday afternoon.

PRISONERS GIVEN DINNER.

Twelve prisoners held in the county jail on various charges by Sheriff Nunn were given one of the finest dinners served in Bryan on Christmas Day. A thirty-pound turkey, prepared in the most appetizing style, with all the accompanying delicacies, was served, and every prisoner is reported to have enjoyed the bountiful repast to the fullest extent.

PLANS OF FORD GO GLIMMERING

No Definite Program for Peace Promotion Agreed Upon—Gave Time to Sightseeing.

Stockholm, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Iniz Milholland Boissevain of New York, who withdrew from the Ford peace expedition Saturday, presented at a public meeting of the delegates today a long statement of her reasons for doing so and for believing the project was doomed to failure.

"The undemocratic method employed by the managers of the expedition is repugnant to my principles," she said. "Instead of all the members formulating plans, the work has been confined to a few specially selected persons. When the party embarked on the Oscar II, I took it for granted that the rather vague opinion of the body of delegates would be hammered into effective shape by group action and constructive thinking throughout the voyage.

Declares Organization Proved Abortive. "An organization was not formed until three days before the end of the voyage. To that fact I trace all misunderstandings, dissensions, mistakes in policy, inefficiency and inability to get the idea of a mediating peace congress in comprehensive shape before the public.

"The organization, when finally formed, was abortive. The Scandinavian public, which expected clear thinking and definite program, were skeptical about the serious mindedness of the delegates. At the meetings the discussions have been purely private, with the result of ill-feeling, suspicion and condemnation. For the reasons stated I am unable to continue with the party."

No Serious Discussion of Peace Plans. Gaston Plattiff, the personal representative of Mr. Ford, requested Mrs. Boissevain to remain with the expedition, but without avail.

Since the departure of the expedition from New York three weeks ago, no meetings have been held at which peace plans were discussed. Most of the discussions have taken place about the dinner tables. Between meals the delegates were sightseeing. Mr. Ford's leaving the party last week is regarded as a serious handicap.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver and others have explained that it was imperative that the expedition should proceed to The Hague to carry out the original plan as far as possible. This will result in the formation of a permanent committee to sit at The Hague to adopt ways and means. The committee is to consist of a small number of persons from each of the neutral countries.

BURGLAR REFUSED TO CLOSE DOOR

[By Associated Press.]
Waxahachie, Tex., Dec. 28.—A burglar here last night refused to close the door after leaving a house he had ransacked, although asked to do so.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Elmore V. Stephenson, to A. J. Edwards 1-6 interest in tract of land in the J. D. Millican and William Dever Leagues in Brazos County, consideration \$130.00.

James H. Stephenson, to A. J. Edwards 1-6 interest in a track of land situated in the J. D. Millican and William Dever Leagues in Brazos Co., consideration \$130.00.

Wilson Bradley et al, to M. F. Dansby, 40 acres of land in the S. F. Austin League No. 10 in Brazos County, consideration \$2,909.00.

Mrs. Lella H. Suber to Bonney Youngblood, lots 11, 12, 13, and 14 in Suber's second Addition to the City of Bryan, consideration \$525.00.

Richard J. O'Connor, to Retha O'Connor 107 acres of land in the G. H. Coleman League in Brazos Co., consideration \$250.00.

Paul Gross to Fountain Brothers, 101½ acres of land in the Hezekiah Jones survey No. 5 in Brazos County; consideration \$10 and lots 10 and 11 in block 14 of the Parker-Smith addition to the city of Houston, Harris County, Texas.

F. M. Wallace to Alice B. Wallace, 620 acres of land in the Thomas James league in Brazos County; consideration \$1 and other valuable considerations.

GERMANS MUST GIVE IN TO ECONOMIC PRESSURE

The Economic Pressure Brought Against Germany and Her Allies by Great Britain in Her Mastery of the Seas Will Finally Win is the Opinion of the King of Greece—Reported Austria Will Again Refuse Demands of United States in Ancona Affair and A Breach of Relations Is Expected—Artillery Activity Renewed on French Front—No Signs of Teutonic Move On Salonika and Not Now Believed Operations Will Be Carried Into Greece—Petrograd Reports Naval Victory on Black Sea With Loss of an Enemy Submarine—Unofficially Reported Italian King Was Wounded.

[By Associated Press.]
Athens, Dec. 28.—King Constantine of Greece thinks the allies may overcome the Teutons in the present struggle, according to unofficial reports of an interview between the monarch and General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, published here today. King Constantine is said to believe the central powers cannot indefinitely resist the economic pressure.

AUSTRIA AGAIN REFUSES.

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, Dec. 28.—Austria will not meet the United States' Ancona demands in her forthcoming reply and Teutonic diplomats are prepared for a breach of relations, it was unofficially reported today.

General Summary.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 28.—Great artillery activity along the whole Vosges front was reported by the Paris war office today, following several days quiet. Allied aviators report no sign of a Teutonic move against Saloniki, says an Athens dispatch, and it is now believed there is little danger of military operations extending into Greece.

Petrograd reports a successful naval engagement in the Black Sea with the probable loss of an enemy submarine. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, it was unofficially reported in Berlin as being wounded by an Austrian grenade.

Seized American Mail.

[By Associated Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 28.—The seizure of American mail from two steamships en route to Holland by the British government was reported in a Rotterdam dispatch today.

SMETANA SCHOOL.

The closing of the Smetana School for the Christmas holidays was observed by a big Christmas tree and a program rendered by the pupils of the school. The exercises were held at 8 o'clock in the Smetana Hall, and the house was well filled. The decorations were beautiful and the rendition of the program was heartily applauded by the appreciative audience. A talk by Professor E. R. Williams, acting county superintendent, was enjoyed very much by all present. The school is taught by Professor Kadanka of Caldwell, who presided over the exercises.

BRYAN COTTON EXCHANGE.

	New York.		Yes/day
	Open.	Close.	
March	12.37	12.41	12.34
May	12.68	12.64	12.59
July	12.80	12.78	12.75
October	12.48	12.47	12.46
New Orleans.			
March	12.26	12.27	12.20
May	12.56	12.56	12.50
July	12.74	12.73	12.68
October	12.39	12.38	12.38

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry E. Peverly and Miss Irene Dillard.
Geo. Hackett and Louisa Brown.
James Mayson and Florence Folcorn.
John King and Mamie Shipman.
Ernest Sheets and Beulah Sadberry.

Will Seize All Suspected Mail.

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, Dec. 28.—The allies intend seizing all mail from the United States suspected of being destined for Germany, it was learned today. This was brought about by the shipment of contraband by mail from German sympathizers in America to the Fatherland.

Austria Recognizes Danger.

[By Associated Press.]
Paris, Dec. 28.—Danger of a rupture between Austria-Hungary and the United States, following the forthcoming reply to the second United States note on the sinking of the Ancona is recognized in Austrian official circles, according to advices printed here today.

German Prince Dead.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 28.—The death of Prince Zu Hohenlohe Schillingfurst, son of Germany's late imperial chancellor, was announced from Amsterdam today.

New French Drive.

[By Associated Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 28.—A new French offensive in the west was reported officially today, the details placing the drive near the recent desperate fighting at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf.

Modified Shipping Rule.

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, Dec. 28.—The Red Cross was today informed that England had modified the rule against the shipment of hospital supplies and will now permit the passage of such supplies.

MR. FORD NOT SERIOUSLY ILL

Cablegram Notified Mrs. Ford the Manufacturer Would Go at Once to Detroit.

[By Associated Press.]
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Anxiety of the family and business friends concerning the health of Henry Ford, who is returning from his European peace journey, was relieved Monday by a cablegram from Stockholm, addressed to Mrs. Ford, which stated that Mr. Ford was only slightly ill and that he would come to Detroit immediately after arriving in New York.

TEXAS GRIPPED BY SEVERE BLIZZARD

Sleet, Snow and Ice Give Touch of First Real Winter Weather.

[By Associated Press.]
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 28.—A blizzard extending virtually all over Texas today gave the state the first touch of real winter. Reports from all sections tell of sleet and cold. The cold extends over Middle and West Texas. The snow extended to Laredo.

INCREASE GRANTED BY HOUSE OF COMMONS

House of Commons Remained in Session All Night and Early Today Voted to Increase the Army by One Million Men—Brings the English Forces on Paper Up to Four Million. Germany Trying to Win Greece and Rumania to Her Side Because of British Withdrawal From Gallipoli—Reported the Russians Have Captured Bulgarian Seaport of Varna—Constantinople Says British Left Sick and Wounded When They Left Gallipoli. London Claims the Germans Suffered Heavy Losses on the Western Front and the French Report the Capture of 1,200 German Prisoners.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 22.—After an all night session the house of commons early today granted an increase of 1,000,000 men in the British army, bringing its strength on paper to 4,000,000.

The Teutons, it is reported, are taking advantage of the moral effect of the British withdrawal from part of Gallipoli by attempting to again bring Greece and Roumania to their side. If the reported capture of Varna is correct, Russia apparently is losing no time in trying to forestall these efforts.

Constantinople advices state the British even left their sick and wounded when they withdrew from the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Operations on the western front are badly hampered by unfavorable weather, but the British claim the Germans suffered heavy losses near Armentieres, when they attempted to occupy the craters made by British mines.

Paris reports 1,200 German prisoners taken when the French captured a portion of the enemy's positions yesterday at Hartmans-Weerkopf.

The official Berlin statement says a part of these positions were recaptured today.

Conqueror of Liege Dead.

[By Associated Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 22.—General Von Emmich, conqueror of Liege, is dead at Hanover, according to the Overseas News Agency.

Transfer of British Troops.

[By Associated Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Cologne Gazette reports the British troops stationed at Labros, Lemnos and Tenedos Islands, in the Eastern Mediterranean, have been sent to Saloniki.

BROTHER OF CHIEF HELD FOR SWINDLING

Hipolito Villa Returned to El Paso Under Arrest—Lawyers Found Client Gone.

[By Associated Press.]
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 23.—To forestall habeas corpus proceedings by which Hipolito Villa might have obtained liberty before documentary proof could be obtained from El Paso, he started back to El Paso early this morning, accompanied by a detective. Villa was taken from a train here last night, charged with swindling in El Paso. When Villa's lawyers called at the jail today they found their client gone.

WHITEWASH A FIRST RATE DISINFECTANT.

"Whitewash is one of the best disinfectants for damp, dark places," says Farm and Fireside, the national farm paper published in Springfield, Ohio.

"The best way to apply whitewash is, first, to have it perfectly free from lumps, and then use a spray pump.

"Thoroughness is important in all kinds of disinfectant work. It is of no use to disinfect the walls of a barn unless you also disinfect the floors and mangers.

"One good point about whitewash is that its color tells you when you have thoroughly covered a surface.

"Some of the coal tar disinfectants not only destroy germs, but also kills lice, fleas, parasites and, in addition, heal cuts and wounds.

"The best ways to disinfect yards, such as after a hog cholera epidemic, are: First rake up all the trash and burn it. Then cover the yard three inches deep with straw and burn that. If you are not able to secure straw, sprinkling the ground with lime is a

Hostile Ships Bombard Forts.

[By Associated Press.]
Constantinople, Dec. 22.—The official report says on the Dardanelles front hostile ships ineffectually bombarded until late last night at the different camps in an effort to destroy the booty abandoned by the British when they withdrew an attack on the tenth sector Caucasus front. The attack was repulsed. Hostile attacks at Seddul Bahr were repeatedly repulsed.

Emperor William III.

[By Associated Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 22.—Emperor William is suffering with a slight inflammation of the cellular system. He has abandoned his trip to the western front.

Captured Austrian Sub.

Paris, Dec. 22.—A Malta dispatch says an Austrian submarine was captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

New Dardanelles Commander.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro as the British Dardanelles commander. General Monro was transferred to command the first British army in France, succeeding General Douglas Haig, the new commander in chief of the British army in France.

Von Papen Sailed.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Franz Von Papen, the recalled German military attaché, sailed for Germany on the Noordam today. He felt no bitterness against Americans and was convinced Germany's enemies would be unable to embroil Germany and the United States in war.

second choice. To disinfect posts and fences, whitewash or paint them.

"Disease germs shorten the average span of life by about two years. About 90 per cent of the common diseases are infectious, or 'catching.' Disinfection after disease is the first step for healthfulness, both for persons and live stock."

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"What was the longest sentence you ever heard, old man?" "I now pronounce you man and wife."—Florida Times-Union.

Junior—So you didn't propose to her, after all? Weed—No. And I'm not going to. When I got to her house I found her chasing a mouse with a broom.—Puck.

It is said that the Coffee River Railroad, in Alaska, runs over a glacier for several miles. Talk about your coffee coolers!—Manchester Union.

"And you really love me for myself alone?" she sighed. "Yes, darling," he confessed, and then, as an afterthought, added, "You know, you

Business as Usual.

Mrs. Platte (to peddler)—If you don't leave at once I'll call the janitor. Isaacs—Go head! Maybe I can sell his somedings.—Boston Transcript.

Miss Bertie Suber arrived home yesterday from Winters where she is teaching to spend the holidays with her mother Mrs. Lelia H. Suber.

Herman Pipkin arrived from Amarillo yesterday to join his wife and child and spend Christmas with his parents Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Pipkin.

R. A. Broach of Luverne, Alabama, is a guest of his brother M. S. Broach and family for Christmas. Mr. Broach was formerly a resident of Bryan.

FACE DISFIGURED TAKES HER LIFE

Eighteen-Year-Old Girl From Prominent Family Suicides Last Night.

[By Associated Press.]

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 23.—Doris, the eighteen-year-old daughter of former County Judge A. M. Brumfield, suicided last night by taking poison. She was despondent because her face was disfigured by fire several months ago.

JONES-FUSHAK.

Mr. Robert Jones of Dallas, and Miss Julia Fushak of Kurten were quietly united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. Hugo Lienz today at 1:00 o'clock. Rev. M. E. Weaver, pastor of the First Baptist church officiating. There were a few friends and the members of the family present. The time honored ring ceremony was used.

The groom is a young business man of Dallas, and is an estimable young gentleman.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fushak, of Kurten one of Brazos County's most prominent German families. She was born and reared in this county, and has quite a number of friends who express congratulations and best wishes for the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones left immediately after the ceremony for Dallas where they will make their home in the future.

HOW TO GROW SWEET CLOVER.

"One of the easiest ways to get a start with sweet clover," says a writer in Farm and Fireside, "is to cut any found growing by the roadside, the railroad right of way, or in cemeteries, and haul and spread it directly on your pastures, impoverished places in meadows or cultivated fields. Cut and haul the sweet clover when it is a little damp, to prevent scattering of the seed."

A TRIP THROUGH

GRAND CANAL.

Venice, Dec. 23.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Take a gondola for a trip through the Grand Canal during these war days, and one sees many changes in the centers of interest well known to travelers and readers—the war dress of the homes of Lord Byron and the composer Wagner, of the poet Browning and the American writer W. D. Howells, the romantic palace where Desdemona waited for Othello, and further along, in the market quarter near the Rialto bridge, the house of Shylock, the quaint building standing there unchanged today, but now used as a butcher's shop where a lusty Italian butcher exacts Shylock war prices of 99 cents a kilo for the pounds of flesh dealt over the counter.

Starting from the quay San Marco, the broad lagoons entering the Grand Canal have an air of martial and naval preparation rather than the usual carnival aspect which marks this center. The quays are lined with soldiers and sailors, and the gondolas are carrying loads of war supplies back and forth and transporting troops and marines from point to point while the launches from the warships dart in and out among the gondolas.

Ordinarily there are 2,600 gondolas in regular service—600 private and 2000 public—but only a very few of these remain in use owing to the terror inspired by the bomb raids. Most of the wealthy residents have hurriedly left for the south, and there are no tourists to make use of the public gondolas. Only one first class hotel remains open, and half of it is given over to a hospital for the wounded brought in from the nearby fighting lines.

Entering the Grand Canal, the great domes of Santa Maria della Salute stand out on the left, but always with their war trappings, for here is located the headquarters of the army Red Cross, where most of the work of the field hospitals is regulated. The palace Venier next to the church is similarly used for army hospital administration, and the Red Cross flags are flying everywhere, as a warning of immunity from bomb raids. Further up the Canal on the right is the house of Desdemona. Just what Desdemona did in her day is a matter of tradition and Shakespearean romance. Now the old palace is occupied by a rich merchant family who have fled to the south; the curtains are drawn, the lower windows guarded by steel shutters and the gardens neglected.

On the left of the Canal is a row of palaces often occupied by prominent American families. Two of these, the palace Balbi-Valier and the Polignac, are closed and closely shuttered, while most of the others in the quarter are partially abandoned. Opposite this group is the palace Fallier where W. D. Howells lived while he wrote his

scenes from Venetian life. It is one of the few places still showing life and activity, and the well-kept gardens are full of flowers which hang into the canals flanking it in front and along one side. Just across the Grand Canal is the palace Rezzonico, where Robert Browning lived and died. Usually this is a very gay quarter, with crowds of gondolas passing, and the palaces alive with brilliant entertainment. But now all is silent and lugubrious, and the few gondolas creep along like Indian canoes on a deserted river.

One touch of life has been given to this quarter by some American artists who have pulled down an old palace and built a very showy front reaching down to the water. The bright yellow and red are in marked contrast with the sombre palaces all around. The military escort accompanying the party pointed out an abandoned garden with a fine old palace built only to the first story.

"There is a story there," said the military escort. "That palace was begun by a son of one of the Doges. But the son got to gambling, lost all his money and mortgaged the palace yet unfinished. And so the old Doge ordered that all work on the palace should be stopped, and never again started, as an everlasting warning against gambling. And there it stands today, after four hundred years, just as it stood when work was stopped, still giving its warning."

Further along on the left, is the gray stone building used as the Austrian Embassy, until Italy declared war against Austria. The flagstaff which used to bear the Austrian color stretches over the Canal, but the place is deserted. Up a side canal is the former German Embassy, also deserted. They were two of the most active centers of entertainment and official exchange during peace times.

INCORPORATING THE FARM AS A FAMILY CONCERN.

In Minnesota, says Farm and Fireside, is a Scotch farmer named McCallum who thought out a new way to increase the efficiency of his property and keep his children on the farm.

The result of his scheme is that eight of his nine children are farmers and glad to remain so.

Mr. McCallum had his farm incorporated as a business. Reserving a third of the stock for himself, he divided the remainder among his children. At a directors' meeting—the directors were all his sons and daughters—he was elected president, while his sons became the different officers of the company. The advantages of the scheme, says Mr. McCallum, are that now each of his children has a direct personal interest in the family property and the different farm departments, such as hogs and poultry, have become business departments with the manager responsible to the corporation for the departmental stock and management.

BEEES MADE HIM WEALTHY.

In Farm and Fireside we read of a man who became well-to-do through beekeeping.

"To a friendly impulse to help out an old neighbor who had fallen upon evil times and was compelled to move away, Bell E. Berryman, a retired business man of Merrick County, Nebraska, owes the possession of the largest apiary in his State, and the control of a most profitable business. Failing health had compelled Mr. Berryman to quit business and the loss of his wife had left him a lonely and prematurely old man.

"Last year Mr. Berryman marketed 20,000 pounds of honey, at an average price that meant over \$3,000 for his year's pleasant work. Not only did he derive a fine income from his apiary, but he has drawn from it a draft of healing tonic that has completely restored him to health. Retiring from his store at fifty-four years of age, with apparently a brief span of life left to him, as a result of too close attention to indoor affairs, he is today perfectly well and happy."

ANOTHER BURGLARY.

The ticket office of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company at College was burglarized Tuesday night. The cash drawer was rifled, but only a few coppers were secured. The burglar effected an entrance to the office by forcing the lock on the door. The case has been reported to the officers. The burglary was committed just after the agent is reported to have sold a number of tickets to the cadets, but luckily the money was all placed in the safe.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Robert E. Jones and Miss Julia Fushak.
Arthur Washington and Nellie Norman.
Ora Walker and Cornelia Cheeks.
Sam Hill and Emma Penson.
Claud Johnson and Minnie Pettiford.

BIG DEPOSITS GO TO PARIS

[By Associated Press.]

Marselles, Dec. 22.—Eighteen million francs, constituting the Serbian treasury, have arrived here on the way to Paris, where it will be deposited in Franco-Serbian banks.

A. AND M. OUT FOR HOLIDAYS.

Cadets Who Remain Will Be Specially Entertained.

Elaborate plans for entertaining the cadets who will remain at the A. and M. College during the Christmas holidays have been made by the campus ladies. About one hundred and fifty boys will spend the holidays on the campus.

Christmas Eve Santa Claus will be the chief figure at a party to be given for the boys at the Y. M. C. A. There will be a Christmas tree, with presents for every man who is a "stay over." Refreshments will be served and a program carried out.

Bernard Shisa, steward at the mess hall, will serve the annual Christmas dinner Saturday and the boys will be given just as good a meal as they would have were they at home.

School closes at A. and M. today, Wednesday, and at 10 o'clock this afternoon special trains over the two railroads here conveyed the students to their homes. Holidays will be in force until Jan. 3. Term examinations will be conducted the latter part of January and the first part of February.

On New Year's Day the Campus Ladies' Study Club will keep open house at the Y. M. C. A. building for the students and campus people. This open house is an annual event.

REAL SENTIMENT LABORERS ABROAD

Uncensored News Reveals True Conditions in Large European Centers Over War.

[By Associated Press.]

New York, Dec. 22.—Helen Keller and other blind persons are obtaining uncensored news from the belligerent European capitals expressing the true sentiment of the working people over the intolerable conditions, because the censors are unable to read the Braille short hand system for the blind. Miss Keller says the European laboring people's hearts are almost at the breaking point.

GAS PLANT FOR BRENHAM.

Franchise Granted by City Council for Twenty-Five Years.

[By Associated Press.]

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 22.—The city council Monday afternoon granted a franchise for a natural gas plant to D. C. Giddings, E. H. Shackelford, Joe Jones and C. B. Porter, the grantees having six months after the passage of the ordinance to begin construction of plant and lines.

The grant is for twenty-five years and rates for domestic use will be 40c per 1,000 cubic feet, with much lower industrial rates, which will attract numerous new industries to this place.

The new company has no producing gas well at present, but expects to get gas on the leases of the Milam Oil and Gas Company, which is drilling a well near the Gulf Production oil well, which is producing large quantities of gas.

Coughs and Hoarseness

seem to come with cold weather and are of a stubborn nature. They require prompt attention and an efficient medicine.

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EXPECTED ENGAGEMENT HAS BEGUN AT LAST

The Expected Clash Between the German Forces and the Allies in the Near East Seems to Be On and the Theatre of War Is Changed—But Little News Reported on the Other Fronts.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 25.—An Athens dispatch under Friday's date says the German artillery on the banks of Lake Doiran, Macedonia, forty miles from Saloniki, are bombarding the Anglo-French lines which the Allies continue to fortify. Berlin says mining operations near Labasse, Belgian border, were frustrated and the Germans destroyed the hostile works.
Patrol engagements were reported on the Russian fronts. Other fronts report nothing important.

American Surrendered Nish.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 25.—An American surrendered Nish, Serbia, to the invading Bulgarians after the Serbian forces had retreated, according to a story told here today by D. M. Dold of this city, who has just returned from several months in Serbia. Dold and his brother, Elliott Dold, sons of

an alienist, left here last June as members of a relief expedition to aid the Serbians. The last Serbian regiment to leave Nish mutinied and killed their colonel. This started looting, and D. M. Dold attempted to protect the hospital supplies, but was knocked down and beaten by the soldiers. After this regiment left the people appealed to the bishop of Nish to induce Dold to surrender the city and ask for protection. When the Bulgars were nearing the city Dold, the bishop and many women with flowers met them. Dold showed his American passport to the Bulgarian commander and surrendered the city, asking for protection, which was granted. Later, however, when the Germans began to arrive pandemonium broke loose and the soldiers' conduct was worse than the Serbian mutineers. Destruction and loss of life resulted throughout the city. Dold was stricken blind from hardships and was forced to come home.

CHRISTMAS AT ST.

ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Beautiful St. Andrew's Church never looked more lovely and churchily than on yesterday evening, converted, as it was, into a veritable bower of green, bright Christmas berries, exquisite poinsettias and carnations. At 7 o'clock the children gathered for their festival, singing the Christmas Hymn of the Ages, "Adeste Fidelis," they marched in solemn procession, carrying gifts (which are to go to the children of the St. Matthew's Home in Dallas) to the Manger of the Christ Child. The Manger and children's altar were, as nearly as possible, reproductions of the original altar and Manger in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, built, so tradition has it, on the very spot where Christ was born.

The following program was followed at the festival:

Blessing of Manger, Christmas greens and tree by the rector.

"Adeste Fidelis" and procession to the manger; prayer and offering of gifts at the altar of the Christ Child.

Song, by Miss Cora Garth's class, Misses Jane Oliver, Frances Smith, Kate and Margaret Parker and Sarah Michie.

Recitation, Master George Smith.

Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Misses Pattie Sims, Gertrude and Priscilla Sims, Evelyn Wharburton and Elizabeth Clarke.

Recitation, Master Billy Oliver.

Recitation, Master Paul Swancoat.

Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Children's tree and distribution of gifts by St. Nicholas.

Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Prayer and benediction.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TREE.

Decoration and Evening's Exercises A Perfect Success.

The Christmas service at the Christian Church last evening was a success in every detail. The entire church was beautifully decorated in Christmas bells, red berries and poinsettias. The choir was festooned in asparagus fern and poinsettias, crystal holders with red candles were in profusion. The tree was brilliantly lighted with electric lights and with Christmas novelties and snow. The star at the top of the tree was one of its prettiest features.

Mr. Willie Harris with his wonderful talent gave several musical selections which were a treat within themselves. The people were met and conducted to their seats by Misses Alice Smith and Elizabeth Wilson. These girls were dressed in white, carrying over their shoulders white canes to represent the shepherds' hooks. The processional chorus of Christmas Bells by the junior choir opened the evening's program and several Christmas anthems were beautifully rendered. The acrostic by the junior class was quite clever, bearing out the Scripture, "I must be about my Father's business." A reading by Elizabeth Wilson was enjoyed by all present. The lights were extinguished and

LAVISH CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

Battleship Crew Gave Dinner to Boys and Girls and Distributed Presents.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 25.—Christmas was celebrated here by a lavish distribution of gifts and an unusually large outlay for charity. An unusual incident was a dinner given by the crew of the battleship New York to one hundred boys and girls, who otherwise would not have had a Christmas dinner. The soldiers gave a pair of shoes to each child, dolls for the girls and scout suits for the boys.

COLONEL HOUSE GOES TO EUROPE

Will Go as the Personal Representative of President—Not on Peace Mission.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 22.—Colonel E. M. House, confidential adviser of President Wilson, stated late Tuesday that he will shortly sail for Europe at the request of the president.

Colonel House declared that the sole purpose of his trip would be to deliver to certain American ambassadors information regarding this government's attitude on various international matters now pending. He denied emphatically that his trip will in any way be a peace mission.

Colonel House said he expected to sail from here within the next two weeks and probably would be in Europe about six or eight weeks.

"I am going to Europe at the request of the president and the secretary of state for the purpose of taking information to some of our ambassadors," he said, "in order that they may have a more intelligent idea of this government's attitude concerning certain international questions and in order to obtain from them their point of view on these matters."

"It is not advisable to bring home at this time any of our ambassadors from the belligerent countries. It has been found impossible to convey or obtain in a cable or correspondence quite the correct atmosphere."

VILLA IS WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

Instructions Issued by Carranza and Pancho if Captured Will Have to Face a Court Martial.

[By Associated Press.]
Laredo, Tex., Dec. 22.—Advices from the interior of Mexico early last night say a cordon of Carranza soldiers has been stretched over the territory north of Chihuahua City, where General Francisco Villa was last heard from, in an effort to prevent his escape to the United States.

If Villa is captured he will be held for a court martial, in which General Venustiano Carranza will personally take a prominent part. Soldiers and officers have been told that his capture will mean material promotion and a large reward. Every available body of troops has, according to word here, been placed on the lookout for the former revolutionary leader. Villa is wanted "dead or alive."

The news of orders to capture Villa was contained in military advices to Nuevo Laredo last night. Definite information regarding the movements of the former commander is still lacking. He was reported yesterday to have left Chihuahua City with forces estimated at as high as 2,000, headed probably for the American border.

A strict censorship has been placed on news regarding the military operations in the vicinity of Chihuahua, but it was officially announced that General Trevino had not yet entered the city.

General Obregon, last reported at Guaymas, on the west coast, was said last night to be en route for El Paso and Juarez. Military circles expect that Chihuahua City will be surrendered to the constitutional forces and that a conference will be held there between Obregon and General Carranza. It was said Obregon was leaving Guaymas for that purpose. General Carranza is at Saltillo.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE SPENT QUIET DAY

[By Associated Press.]
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson and his wife spent Christmas quietly, taking dinner in their private suite.

POULTRY RAISERS' MEETING.

Further Steps Taken on Poultry Show for Jan. 27 and 28.

The regular weekly meeting of the Brazos County Poultry Association was held at 7:30 o'clock last night in County Farm Demonstration Agent A. W. Buchanan's office, with President C. E. Jenkins presiding and a number of the members and others interested present.

The poultry show to be held here next month was thoroughly discussed, and a motion was made and carried that the show be held on Jan. 27 and 28, the last Thursday and Friday of the month.

C. E. Jenkins was appointed as a committee of one to go to Houston and purchase coops and other material necessary to hold the show. His expenses will be paid by the association.

The committee on premiums was ordered to list their premiums, and the amounts to be given on each, and to select the kinds of chickens and other poultry on which premiums will be awarded. This report is to be made at the next meeting.

The committee appointed to secure the building for the poultry show stated that they were not yet ready to report.

The finance committee was not ready to make a report. After a thorough discussion of the plans for the exhibit and other business matters were dispatched, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, Dec. 28.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Christmas festivities at the White House was devoted largely to the entertainment of President Wilson's grand-children, although the president was away on his honeymoon. A large tree in the library was loaded with gifts.

UNION HILL STORE VICTIM AGAIN

R. L. Spiller's Place Entered by Burg-Last Night—Second Time Within Three Weeks.

The store belonging to R. L. Spiller at Union Hill was broken into again last night, presumably during the early hours during the absence of the proprietor, who was in Bryan attending a meeting of the K. of P. lodge.

Entrance was effected by breaking a window glass and removing the window latch, so says the proprietor. The cash register was reached, but nothing recovered in the way of money. The only things found missing were a small quantity of snuff and about \$1 for of Prince Albert smoking tobacco.

This, we are told, is the second time within three weeks that this store has been burglarized.

SELL HORSE MEAT AFTER JANUARY 1

Health Commissioner Didn't Recommend Use of Food, but Saw No Harm in It.

[By Associated Press.]

New York, Dec. 22.—The sale of horse meat for food will be permitted in New York after Jan. 1, the board of health announced Tuesday. Commenting upon the revocation of the section of the sanitary code which prohibited the use of horse flesh, Commissioner Emerson said that while the health department does not exactly recommend it, no harm can be seen in its use.

"The horse never has tuberculosis and almost never communicates a malignant disease to human beings," he said. "Hereafter, old horses, instead of being sold for their bones, which are worth little or nothing, would be fattened and disposed of for meat."

Dr. Emerson announced that special precautions would be taken to prevent the sale of horse flesh in the guise of veal or beef.

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR FANCY STOCK.

"The small margin by which one animal wins over another in the showing or show pen does not guarantee that his progeny will be worth the high premium that a prize-winning animal often commands," says Farm and Fireside.

WET BLANKET SAVED CROP.

"It was late in autumn," says a writer in Farm and Fireside, "when a sagegrass field caught fire just over the fence from my corn crop. As it was a very dry season, the fire spread rapidly and my whole crop was in danger, also my buildings. The fire started from a neighbor's clearing. A strong wind was blowing and the fire was soon beyond control. Several men came to help me, and we tore down the fences to save the buildings. But all our efforts to check the fire proved unsuccessful until some one suggested this method:

"A large blanket was soaked with water; then two men on horseback took opposite ends and dragged it

across the field, and back again in front of the fire. This was on the side next my crop and buildings. After the grass was set it would not catch fire easily, and we had no trouble to put it out.

"To prevent this fire I should have had furrows around my field and buildings, three furrows to protect a crop and ten to protect buildings."

SCARLET FEVER IN TEXAS INCREASING

Over Thousand Cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever Reported to Health Department.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—Sanitary reports received by the state health department up to Dec. 20 from seventy-seven counties and twenty-one cities show 417 cases of scarlet fever in November, as opposed to 321 in October, an increase of 86 cases. The same counties and cities report 650 cases of diphtheria for November, while October shows 533, an increase of 117 cases.

Sixty-one deaths from diphtheria in October and in November 83 deaths from the same cause were reported to the department.

Seventy-seven counties out of 252 and 21 cities out of over 300 incorporated cities report 417 cases of scarlet fever and 650 cases of diphtheria. Active measures must be adopted to check the spread of the disease, according to the state health department.

HOW FORETHOUGHT PRE-VENTED A DISASTROUS FIRE.

In Farm and Fireside is an account of the simple method that ought to be employed everywhere by which a farmer saved his property:

"One pail of water standing at the foot of a ladder leading to the haymow saved our barn," we read.

"Lightning struck the barn, killing two calves, then ran along to the top of the haymow. My husband grabbed the pail and ran up the ladder in time to put out the fire, but if he had had to wait to draw that water it would have been too late. So if full protection is not possible, don't neglect to keep a few pails of water handy."

Problems For Nov. and Dec.

Next Year's Cotton Seed—Anthracnose, or cotton boll rot, has infected all cotton seed grown east of a line running from Wichita Falls south through Llan, Austin Bastrop and Bay City. All farmers east of that line should plow under or cut and burn all cotton stalks and get seed for next year's planting from points west of that line. To plant infected seed will mean disaster to the crop next spring and summer. An opportunity for profitable cooperation is presented to farmers on both sides of the line. Those on the infected side should get together, combine their orders and buy seek in bulk. Farmers in the non-infested area should unite and seek a market for their surplus seed.

The Boll Weevil—There are more boll weevils in the cotton fields of Texas than at any time in the history of the state. The menace to next year's crop is very great. All cotton stalks should have been plowed under or burned before this time, but if this has not been done no time should be lost in attending to this important matter. If the weevils are not destroyed before they go into winter quarters it will be hazardous to plant cotton on the land next year.

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FOR A GREAT 1916.

It will soon be 1916. The old year is on his last legs. It is time now to begin planning for the new year.

Nineteen sixteen should be a memorable year in the history of Bryan's progress.

It can be made such if every fellow will put his shoulder to the wheel and do his very level best.

There are many things that need to be done and must be done if we are to keep up the splendid spirit of progress that has prevailed during the past two years.

Our residence streets need improving and in this work the property owners can materially assist by putting in curbs and gutters in front of their property.

With curbs and gutters set out on the lines fixed by the city engineer the space to be improved is greatly reduced and the work can be done at half the cost, and when it is once fixed it will be a very easy matter to keep the streets in good condition.

A large amount of street work has been done during the past year and it is already having a telling effect. It not only shows up well, but saves the disgraceful conditions of the residence streets that have prevailed during long rainy spells.

We should also secure free mail delivery during 1916, and to do this we must have an epidemic of sidewalk building, the like of which has never been known before. We should have the sidewalks anyway. There is nothing that adds more to the public convenience as well as to appearance.

We need a new high school building and should have it during 1916. Let's go after it in dead earnest. The school board has already recognized the need of such building, and the Eagle believes if given the moral support of the people, they will work out a plan to make it a reality.

We need that cannery for which the Eagle has been pleading for so long. We need it as a part of the "home enterprise," the "live-at-home," the self-supporting campaign. We need it as a new ready cash avenue for the farmers, and at a time when money usually is scarcer than hen's teeth.

We need a closer co-operation with each other and with the people of the country. As the boys say, we need to "bunch up." Get right close together, recognize the interests of the other fellow and work in perfect harmony. In every thing we do we should recognize the public welfare and work together to one common end.

Also to accomplish the greatest results in municipal public works, we need to get right close up to our mayor and the members of the city council, hold up their hands and give them our moral support in every way possible. They are doing things; they are bringing the old town out of the kinks. Let's help them, let's stay with them through thick and thin. Here's hopin' for a great 1916.

THAT COTTON CARGO FOR THE GERMANS.

The fact has been published in the public press for some weeks that Germany would take a million bales of cotton and pay 20 cents a pound therefor. The price looked good to President Pope of the Texas Farmers' Union, and he has been diligently at work in an effort to secure this rich offer for Texas cotton raisers. He can get the cotton, but how to deliver it in a German port is the question balking the enterprise. He now announces that sufficient progress has been made to give the matter a trial and the first ship load will be forwarded in a few weeks. Concerning the matter the Galveston News says:

"Mr. Pope does not seem to harbor a very sanguine hope that the cargo of cotton which the Farmers' Union is going to consign to a European belligerent two months hence will ever reach its destination. Indeed, he seems to suspect, or perhaps we should say, to fear, that it will be deflected into a British harbor and brought within the jurisdiction of a British prize court. In that case, the farmers who contribute the cotton to make this celebrated cargo would have to wait some considerable time to get its value in only the expenses of the experiment, which Mr. Pope estimates will be at the rate of 4c a pound. The sixteen other cents per pound of German money is to be held in bank till the cotton shall have been delivered at its consigned destination. In the probable event that the cotton shall miss its destination, the farmers will have only their experience, plus a claim against the British government, each in proportion to his contribution toward the cargo. These claims will be

valid and solvent; but the claimants may have to wait some time for liquidation. As a commercial venture, the proposition lacks much of being attractive.

But its political diplomatic possibilities are large and resplendent. The world was first acquainted with it at the moment Congress was assembling. This may be an innocent circumstance. It may be an equally innocent circumstance that, according to the chronology of it as set forth by Mr. Pope, the climax is due at that hour when our politics will be at a high and impressionable temperament. Mr. Pope even says that, although the vessel that is to make this voyage has been engaged tentatively, it will be two months, in all likelihood, before it gets under way. Add to two months the time it would probably take for the vessel to find its way into a British prize court, and one will see that the denouement is very apt to fall out at an hour when our diplomacy must be both circumspect and vehement if it would manifest a due and expedient deference to our agrarian susceptibilities.

"It is unlikely that the Germans expect to get much cotton as a result of this clever enterprise. They doubtless need the cotton, and would rejoice to have either a million or a hundred bales. But there are other hopes that are less likely to suffer disappointment. They may marshal a tremendous political power behind their demand that the United States break the British blockade. The president may be unmoved by this pressure, as, indeed, we imagine he will. But even if this minor hope shall be disappointed, there will still be left the chance that resentment may be wrought to a pitch which will destroy the political life of the president. And the realization of even this minimum hope would probably repay them in gratification for the monetary cost of the enterprise."

MAKING COUNTRY LIFE MORE ATTRACTIVE.

The barrenness of life in the country has been a large contributing cause of the desertion of the farms for life in the towns and cities. Conditions have reversed the order of things and instead of people preferring the freedom of the country, the independence of farm life, exactly the opposite prevails. With the great changes that are now taking place with the conveniences that are being taken to the farms, with the great work of rural betterment that has been set in motion by our colleges and universities, by the State and National governments, there is no reason why the tide should not again set in toward the country. The following from the Galveston News as to making rural life more attractive, is full of reason and logic and partially outlines the plans being followed:

"Much improvement has been made during the last decade in the architecture, and therefore in the fitness for its purpose of the country school house. It required a long campaign to convince those most interested that the average country school house was not properly ventilated, nor properly heated, nor properly lighted; and that it was in many respects seriously lacking in the main essentials needed for the accomplishment of its great and even sacred mission—that of making it possible for the youth of the land to attain to the knowledge requisite for their places as good citizens, parents and patriots. We are glad to be able to record the fact of much improvement in this respect.

"But there is another matter pertaining to the country school which has not received the attention its importance deserves, although some progress has been made. This is the utilization of the country school house for helpful and enjoyable purposes, besides that of conducting the school—the utilization of the school house as a place for holding various entertainments of a social, religious and educational nature. Among these may be mentioned lectures of various kinds and divers subjects, social entertainments, such as exhibitions, concerts, dramatic readings, meetings of literary clubs, musical clubs, singing schools and entertainments consisting principally of songs familiar to all, as well as many things too numerous to enumerate here. In addition to these things, there should be in every community a library from which books could be borrowed by anyone. A library association could be organized, and its members could select a committee to conduct the library, so that it could be done in a manner that would be systematic and businesslike, thus making its permanence certain. When the library society grows sufficiently large and the interest great enough, a regular librarian could be employed to attend to its business, or a committee selected who would serve alternately in that capacity.

"These suggestions are timely and important, and will prove helpful to every community where they are worked out by the people and put into operation. Many have already done this,

and the information, social pleasure and profit being derived from them only go to emphasize their need in every neighborhood. We are sure that teachers and ministers will assist in this work, and are only waiting for sufficient interest to be manifested to do their part."

THE ONE HE LOVED THE MOST.

She was just a little baby,
And her eyes were shiny-bright,
And she hung her little stocking
To the mantel at the night;
And she begged her mother: "tell me
Of dear Santa, please tell me"
And the mother told the story
Of the Child and of the Tree.

Told the baby how old Santa
Comes at night across the snow,
To bring presents to the children
Who are good and love him so;
And he brings whole loads of playthings.
And sometimes 'tis said that he
Stoops above where they lie sleeping
Dreaming of the Christmas Tree.

Stoops above where they lie sleeping
In their little bits of beds,
Till his breathing stirs the truant
Little curls upon their heads,
And he kisses them and loves them,
Just as loving as he can be!
But the little ones he kisses
Get no playthings on the tree.

And the babe woke in the morning,
And the room was cold and bare;
And the stocking hung all empty,
And the empty tree was there!
And the eyes filled for a moment,
Then the tears were scattered wide,
And the baby ran to mother
Arms outstretched, all starry-eyed!

And her red lips breathed: He kissed me!
Mamma, Santa loved me so
That he stooped way down and kissed me!
Mamma, darling, did you know?
It was better than all playthings!"
And into her arms she crept.
Angels MUST have stooped to kiss her
In the night-time as she slept.
—J. Mortimer Lewis.

Says the Bryan Eagle: "The farmers of Brazos County are absolutely unorganized and this will be a great handicap to them in arranging for next year's crop." A few years ago the Farmers' Union was strong in Brazos County, as it was in many other counties where it is now extinct. The cause isn't far to seek: two words tell it: Peter Radford. The Farmers' Union has split upon the same rock that wrecked the Grange and the Alliance. And if the farmers attempt another experiment along the same line it will meet the same fate. What the farmers need is local organizations for mutual improvement and co-operation in marketing. They can keep these out of the clutches of the Peter Radfords.—East Texas Register.

Henry Ford has thrown up the sponge and is coming home, his mission a failure. He gives as a reason that the members of his party are at loggerheads and the official doors of Europe are closed against him. His reason for quitting will hardly hold water. He should have known all this before he started, and throwing up his hands on meeting the first obstacle will cause him to be known as a quitter. He did not seem to be prepared for the blue steel of opposition and gave up the ghost before reaching the real theatre of the war.

NIKOLA TESLA'S DREAM.

To be able to destroy a navy hundreds of miles distant or to sweep armies into oblivion by the mere throwing of a lever is a dream about to come true, according to Nikola Tesla, electrician and inventor. Mr. Tesla is seeking to patent a wireless device by which he can hurl electric bolts at a speed of 300 miles per second to any desired spot on land or sea. He claims that he can make any military expedition fruitless; can destroy any navy within a few minutes of time or rout an army while it is many miles away.

Buck, a good friend, sent us today a liberal quantity of collard greens, upon which several heavy frosts had rested during the past two weeks. It is useless to attempt to convey to you the delight this scribe will experience when he connects with the said collards tomorrow. If it didn't cost so much to "Possum Post" you a few of them we'd do it.—Navasota Examiner. Looks like you would send us a "mess," for we know, with this Christmas spirit on, your sanctum is so crowded with the good things "sent in," you have not elbow room to write your acknowledgements.

R. E. L. Knight of Dallas, one of the state's best known citizens, has been made president of the Dallas fair. Mr. Knight married Miss Annie Armstrong of this city.

When the Villa commandant at Juarez announced to his brother officers that the time had arrived to "drop the rifle and take up the hoe," all were overcome and wept bitterly. There is nothing half so provocative of a suffocative desire to weep in the average Mexicans as an early prospect of introduction to an agricultural instrument.—Austin American.

There is more truth than poetry in the above. The reason for the long drawn out revolutions in that country is that the average Mexican had rather bear arms, provided he is fed, than to work. He don't care what side he is on, just so he is fed.

The Lufkin News, remarking on the fact that the European war is now costing the various nations \$80,000,000 every twenty-four hours, says the combined wealth of Angelina County would keep the thing going about two hours. There is a confirmation in a small way of the Eagle's contention that exhaustion would be the cause finally ending the war. When Angelina County spent her two hours' worth she would have to quit. When the warring nations are exhausted, and they are already feeling the strain, they will have to quit, too.

Now let's go after that cannery in dead earnest. No more time can be wasted in "talk," it is now up to us to do business. The farmers must know within the next two weeks whether or not it will be built so they can arrange for growing the vegetables to keep it going. They really should know by Jan. 1, but that is impossible now. They should have our answer, however, not later than Jan. 10.

Woman suffrage, in our opinion, is bad enough, but when it comes to a woman running against her husband for office and defeating him, it is awful. J. C. Cole, city clerk of Tacoma, Wash., was recently defeated by his loving wife on the opposition ticket. We do not know how Mr. Cole feels about it, but if it were us the climate of Washington would suddenly become too severe for us to longer endure it.

The Galveston News wants to know who gave Texas a judicial system with two "highest" courts in it? No one. The framers of the constitution intended to create one supreme court, whose voice should be final. The trouble is some of the judges of the inferior courts have been feeding on the meat that Caesar ate, and feel that they have surpassed even old Lycurgus himself. In other words, the tail is trying to wag the dog.

Visitors to Bryan during the holidays have been impressed with the beauty and skill shown in show window decorations, as well as the elegant stocks carried by the merchants of Bryan. They do not hesitate to say that in point of elegance they could not be surpassed by any of our larger cities.

Tennyson said "every door is barred with gold and opens but to golden keys." If that be true, it looks like Mr. Ford, with his millions, could have worked the combination to some of those official doors which he claimed to be locked against him.

Bryan had plenty of butter this Christmas season because we have a creamery in our midst. We are producing it right here. We can not only have plenty of butter, but we can have plenty of everything else if we will turn our attention and efforts to their production at home.

1914-1915

The first Sunday in October, 1914, was set apart as a day of prayer for peace in Europe—and now, after fourteen months more of carnage, many have become so calloused by war reports or so interested in war loans or the sale of war material that big newspapers make fun of those who talk of peace. A big change since 1914!

The children are so good just before Christmas that people want J. P. Morgan's bank in order to get them pretty things. After Christmas they are so bad that parents wonder if the young hickory forests have all been destroyed.—Houston Post.

Never before has there been such a spirit of helpfulness seen at Christmas as has prevailed this year. Not only is this true of Bryan, but it has been universal from one end of the country to the other. God is still on His throne and the world is growing better.

Colonel George Bailey of the Houston Post says if you have a fruit cake or a plum pudding, treat it as if a snake had bitten it.

Let's not permit our beautiful spirit of helpfulness and charity to die now just because Christmas is over. Charity, service for others and ministering to the needy should continue 365 days in the year.

THE ESSENCE OF REAL THRIFT.

Who is better equipped than the talented and thrifty Harry Lauder to father this decalogue of savings?:

1. Behave toward your purse as you would to your best friend.
2. View the reckless spending of money as criminal, and shun the company of the reckless spender.
3. Dress neatly but not lavishly. A bank pays a higher rate of interest than your back.
4. Take your amusements judiciously; you will better enjoy them.
5. Don't throw away the crusts—eat them. They are as nourishing as beef.
6. It is more exhilarating to feel money in your pocket than beer in your stomach.
7. Remember, it takes only twenty shillings to make a pound, and twelve pennies to make a shilling.
8. You can sleep better after a hard day's work than after a hard day's idleness.
9. Get good value from your tradesman. He gets good money from you.
10. A bank book makes good reading—better than some novels.

Harry Lauder has a son fighting for England. He has done some excellent recruiting service. It is said that he has invested \$50,000 of his considerable fortune in recent British war loans.

No part of his service to his country, however, can be of greater importance than his shrewd advice on thrift to the millions who know him as the most talented entertainer of the day.

Remember that it takes only ten dimes to make a dollar, and ten copper pennies make a dime; why can't we breed another Ben Franklin in this country to point the way to the sort of thrift we must practice as a part of the great scheme of preparedness?

"It is more exhilarating to feel money in your pocket than beer in your stomach." Here is the perfect thrift maxim!—John M. Oskison.

Touching the wide-spread charity work during Christmas and the exchange of gifts, the Waco-Times Herald takes issue with those who think that much of it was waste as follows: "As Jesus of Nazareth sat at meat with Simon, the leper, a woman brought an alabaster box of ointment and did anoint his feet. And some had indignation, saying, 'To what purpose is this waste?' But Jesus did not regard it in that light, and commanded that this which she had done should be told for a memorial of her. Men are prone to say that there is great waste at the holiday season, and they lament bitterly. But there is no waste; we are all richer today than we were the day before yesterday—richer in loving service and in quickened sentiment; our hearts are bigger, our minds are clearer, and our spirits are refreshed. There has been no waste."

COTTON MILLS.

The Waxahachie cotton mill is to be enlarged to increase its capacity 25 per cent. Brazos County raises enough cotton to keep a mill busy and we have never yet been able to see the good house sense in paying freight on the cotton to Europe and then freight on the manufactured goods back to Bryan. Factories to use our raw materials are among the crying needs of this section.—Bryan Eagle.

The cotton mill ought to be in a corner of the cotton patch. But running a cotton mill is rather particular work. The dividends are not very regular as a general thing, nor very large—if the treasurers' reports are exactly reliable. It is our habit here in Texas to berate the spinners, to accuse them of greed and hardness of heart. All the same we do not think enough of the cotton spinning business to risk our good money in it. When it comes to building cotton mills we distinctly prefer to leave the field open to "furrin capital."—State Press.

It would be interesting to see what sort of shines our Texas court of criminal appeals would cut should it lock horns with the supreme court of the United States.

Those new lights that Mayor Harris has ordered and which will soon be installed, will make Main street a well lighted thoroughfare and be one of the greatest improvements of the year.

In your planning for next year, consider carefully what you can do to help in the great work of keeping Bryan growing and improving.

The Eagle editor acknowledges the receipt of a beautiful 1916 calendar from Fountain Bros., the hustling real estate brokers.

The Christmas presents were BEAUTIFUL. The bills for same, Dad's end of the job, will be HORRIBLE.

This was the completest firecrackerless and Roman candleless Christmas Bryan ever saw.

Dealers in indigestion remedies will now have an inning.

TO BRAZOS COUNTY LAND OWNERS

If you have gravel beds, rock or road material on your land, would advise that you see county judge, as Brazos County Road District No. One will not consider third party speculations.

Please, please, do not drive over or destroy surveyor's stakes along roads. This means savings of expense to us. W. J. COULTER, Chairman Road District Committee.

MOVED HIS OFFICE.

Attorney J. G. Minkert, who has officed with Attorney T. R. Batte for several years, the two being known by the firm name of Batte & Minkert, has moved his office into one of the new office rooms over the Dixie Theater. These rooms are in charge of W. R. Fairman, proprietor of the Dixie and Queen Theaters, and were recently opened. Mr. Minkert wishes his friends to call upon him at his new office.

JOHN D.'S WIFE'S WILL FILED.

Bulk of Estate Goes to Help Charity and Education.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller, who died last March, left an estate valued at \$1,490,471, according to the appraisal filed Monday in the surrogate's court.

The bulk of the estate, as announced when the will was probated, goes to charitable and educational institutions. The estate consists mainly of railroad bonds and does not include any stock in the Standard Oil Company.

Mrs. Rockefeller's wedding ring, which she bequeathed to her son, John D. Rockefeller Jr., is appraised at \$3. Her most valuable piece of jewelry, a diamond watch chain valued at \$12,000, goes to her daughter, Mrs. Edith McCormick. The most valuable piece of wearing apparel is a seal coat and muff valued at \$150. Fifteen suits are appraised at \$300 and ten hats at \$50.

RESIDENCES BURGLARIZED.

Homes of Mrs. Rohde and J. S. Doane Entered and Good Hauls Made.

Last night proved to be almost perfect for the burglars in Bryan, the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Doane, on Dallas avenue, and Mrs. Nannie Rohde, on Washington avenue, being entered and a nice haul made without molestation.

The Doane home was entered through a window, the burglar making his way upstairs and secured the watch of F. E. Hood, who, with his wife, makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Doane. The intruder also took a basket of fruit and crossed the street to the Rohde garage, at the rear of the Rohde home, where he ate the fruit at leisure.

He then entered the Rohde home through the rear door and made his way up the stairs into the room of H. N. Rohde and J. T. Smith, where he took several articles of clothing, a pair of shoes, about \$50 in money and one or two other articles and departed.

The residents at neither place were aware of the intrusion until this morning, which proves for quiet work, the burglar was evidently a past master. No clues were left for the officers to work on, but every effort is being made by them to apprehend the miscreant.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

No cotton was received at the local warehouses today.

Cotton seed, \$30.00 per ton.

Bryan spots, 11 3-4c, middling basis.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Bryan-College Industrial Railway Company will be held in the city of Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1916, the same being the 4th day of said month, for the purpose of electing officers of said company for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other matters as may come before the board of directors. Said meeting of the directors will be held immediately after the adjournment of the meeting of the stockholders of said company on the above date. L. A. HAST, Secretary, Bryan-College Interurban Railway Company.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That the annual meeting of the stockholder of the First State Band & Trust Co. of Bryan, for the election of directors and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held on the 11th day of January, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock at the office of the bank, main street in the City of Bryan and State of Texas.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1915.

W. H. COLE, Secretary.

LOCALS

WEDNESDAY

L. M. Walton of Benchley was in the city today.

P. H. Arrington was here from Millican today.

Oliver Williams of Cross was in town today.

John Daly Jr. has returned from a visit to Austin.

George Williams of Greens Prairie was in the city today.

Edgar Derden went to Hempstead yesterday for a brief visit to relatives.

J. E. Covey has returned from a business trip to Houston.

Miss Myrtle James has returned from a visit to Mrs. Arthur Moore and other friends in Austin.

Miss Eddy Smith, a student of Bryan Baptist Academy returned to her home in Franklin today to spend the holidays.

Miss Pauline Seale is at home from the State University at Austin to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Seale of Benchley.

George McDonald, Volney Cox, John Cox, Cody Lawless, Sam Starks and others were in the city today from Macy.

Thos. C. Born of Corpus Christi was among the guests registered at Hotel Bryan today.

Misses Winnie Belle and Marie Graham of Harvey were shopping in the city today.

Mrs. A. Carter and two little daughters went to Dallas today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Ralph Boyett is at home from Gilmer to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Boyett.

Mrs. M. H. Schluter arrived yesterday from Rusk to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. James.

Mrs. Tony Rizzotto of Dallas arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Zanetti.

Mrs. Lou Robinson has returned from a brief visit to relatives in Hempstead.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Read and Miss Floy Larkin of Hearne visited Bryan today, making the trip through the country by automobile.

Miss Johnnie Seale returned to her home in Godley, Tex., today, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. E. W. Crenshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson and daughters, Misses Maytel and Pauline and son, Brooks, were among the visitors to Bryan today from Edge.

E. E. Yeager, H. M. Pyles and I. P. and W. O. Yeager were visitors to Bryan today from Iola.

Mrs. T. L. Petty and children went to Palestine today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Misses Nannie and W. S. Berryman left today for a visit to relatives and friends in Kilgore and Palestine.

I. B. Todd of Harvey was in town on business today.

W. B. and J. S. Williams, Hardey Nevels, Plummer Hannon, H. A. Taylor, Emmett Sheffield and El Cleere of Cross were trading in town today.

George W. Robinson of Galveston is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson of Wixon.

Professor and Mrs. F. H. Hensel of College left today for San Antonio to spend the holidays with relatives.

W. S. Mial, a prominent Brazos bottom planter, left yesterday for North Carolina to spend Christmas at his old home. After Christmas Mr. Mial will go to New York City for a visit to relatives.

The International & Great Northern Railroad provided a special train for the A. and M. College cadets who live in North Texas. The train left College Station shortly after noon today in time to make connection with the Sunshine special, the road's new fast train, east and westbound. The college was dismissed today until Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Shaw have shipped their household goods to Roans Prairie, Grimes County, and will leave in the next few days to make their home there in the future.

THURSDAY

A. A. Dean of Tabor was in town today.

A. W. Dyess was here today from Harvey.

Prof. J. M. Moore was in town today from Edge.

G. W. Showers went to Mart on business today.

C. M. Risinger was in the city today from Steep Hollow.

J. H. Walker of Alexander was in town on business today.

Mrs. Charlie Stephan of Houston is a guest of relatives in this city.

Edgar Derden has returned from a brief visit to relatives in Hempstead.

Jacob Fuchs Sr., was a visitor to the city from Pitts Bridge today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beckwith left today for a visit to relatives in Palestine.

Miss Essie Jones arrived today from the Sam Huston Normal at Huntsville, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones of Harvey.

Mrs. S. J. Bain and daughters, Misses Winifred and Mary Balne, of Houston,

arrived today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bain's mother, Mrs. M. J. Parker.

Miss Virginia Spence of College is at home from the State University at Austin to spend Christmas with her parents, Professor and Mrs. D. W. Spence.

Misses Ara Haswell and Della Lawrence arrived yesterday from Austin, where they are attending the State University, to spend the holidays at their homes in this city.

The Steep Hollow school, of which Professor A. B. Ford is principal, closed for the Christmas holidays yesterday. Professor Ford has gone to his home in Normangee to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Marvin Baker went to Brenham today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. P. S. Tilson arrived today from Houston to visit her mother, Mrs. M. J. Parker.

Mrs. D. C. Buchanan and Miss Fae Buchanan of Harvey were shopping in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McVey and son Michel were visitors to the city from Minter Springs today.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Allen have gone to Longview to spend Christmas with Mrs. Allen's parents.

Justice L. D. McGee left yesterday for Henderson, Tenn., for a visit to relatives and friends.

W. H. Benbow of Harris school community left yesterday for a visit to relatives in Luverne, Ala.

P. D. Oliver of Chicago, Ill., went to Caldwell today to visit relatives after a brief visit in this city.

Miss Nora Henry of Edge is at home from Mexia, where she is teaching, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. T. Reese arrived yesterday from Denton for a visit to her son, Professor J. L. Reese and family.

Mrs. D. D. Eastham of Wilson arrived today to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox and children of Tabor left today for a visit to relatives and friends in Aledo, Texas.

Oscar B. Park arrived yesterday from Dallas to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Park.

Miss Caro Mae Edwards has returned to her home in Millican, after a visit to friends and relatives in this city.

Uncle Dave Foster and granddaughter Miss Lola Foster of Steep Hollow went to Thorndale today for a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Street Jr. and son Calder of Houston are guests of Mrs. Street's mother, Mrs. G. W. Smith Sr. for Christmas.

W. H. Free of Edge left yesterday for Union Springs, Ala., to spend Christmas with relatives and for a visit to his old home.

Miss Lois Pipkin is at home from Baylor College at Belton to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Pipkin.

Miss Ethel Gelber has returned from the State University at Austin to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gelber.

W. B. Tucker is at home from Waco, where he is attending Toby's Business College, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Tucker.

Mrs. R. M. Gordon and little son, Robert Gordon Jr., arrived from Houston last night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan went to Houston yesterday afternoon to attend the marriage of their son, Frank Buchanan, to Miss Dora Dent of that city today.

The Bryan bowlers are making an effort to arrange a long distance telephone tournament with the teams of Houston, Brenham and La Grange. The promoters plan to have two teams of each town roll on their alleys and the results be wired into Houston. If the plans are carried through the games will be rolled on next Tuesday night. Bowling is becoming quite popular in Bryan and it is highly possible Bryan will be represented in the state tournament to be held in Houston in February.

Mrs. J. A. Pope is visiting relatives in Thornton.

Herbert W. Reed has gone to San Antonio to spend Christmas at his home.

Miss Nona Goodson went to Fort Worth today for a visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Erin Blatherwick left today for a visit to her father, Raymond Blatherwick of Dalhart.

H. C. Robinson Jr., arrived from Houston today to join his wife in a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. James.

Miss Lois Reynolds returned to her home in Franklin today after a pleasant visit to her aunt Mrs. Nannie Rohde.

Judge V. B. Hudson and son Charley left today to join his wife who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Wayne Evans of Hugo, Okla.

Dr. and Mrs. Elzey Jones arrived

today from Texas City to spend Christmas with Dr. Jones's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones.

FRIDAY

J. W. Cloud of Kurten was in town today.

Mrs. J. E. Shultz is visiting relatives in Galveston.

Claud Griffith was in town today from Reliance.

O. L. Andrews was in town today from Harvey.

Ky Coontz was down today from his home at Zack.

J. D. Goen was a visitor to the city today from Harvey.

Rex Mill of Humble is a guest of relatives in this city.

Miss Lucie Draper is visiting her old home in Houston.

Miss Ray and Rosalie Taylor are visiting friends in Benchley.

Geo. P. Edge was a visitor to Bryan from Cottonwood today.

Lee Jowers of Navasota is a guest of his sister Mrs. Walter Higgs.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ruchti have gone to Hearne for a visit to relatives.

Henry Shows was in the city today from his home on Thompson creek.

J. L. Cobb of Cottonwood was among the visitors to the city today.

Dr. Jno. S. Edge of Overton is a guest of his son, Eugene Edge, and family.

Miss Margie Gay of Houston is a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Sr.

Little Misses Magdalene and Evelyn O'Dea are visiting relatives in Houston.

Master Charlie B. Tally has returned from New Orleans, where he has been in the interest of his health for some time.

Miss Lena Lloyd of Humble arrived today and is a guest of Miss Fenie Lehmann.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooke of Waco are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hewitt arrived today from Navasota and are guests of friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cox of Franklin arrived yesterday and are guests of relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oprsteny Jr. of Houston are spending the holidays with his parents in this city.

O. L. Taylor, Jr., arrived today from Houston for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Tabor, Sr.

H. J. Schlafly of Carlyle, Ill., arrived today to join his wife, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. S. Parker.

Ben Read of Houston is at home to spend Christmas with his father, Dr. B. S. Read, Sr., of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMichael of Edge went to Houston yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. I. Gordon and little daughter went to Calvert today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Gordon's parents.

Mrs. M. W. Sims, Sr., went to Corsicana today to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Mills.

Warren T. Withers of Houston is at home to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Withers.

Mrs. Robert Burney arrived yesterday from San Antonio to spend Christmas with her mother Mrs. F. I. Garth.

R. R. Ellis went to Houston yesterday to join his wife and little son, who are visiting relatives in that city.

Mrs. O. H. McGee and children went to Benchley today to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Haltom.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Peck and daughter Miss Ima Lee have gone to Corpus Christi to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Get you a Christmas starter, a "Sambo," for your Ford. It will make life look different. H. C. Gibson, agent, phone 218. Come and let me demonstrate it for you and be convinced.

Miss Aubrey Wilkerson is at home from the State University at Austin to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Denbe of Kinsley arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Denbe's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stallings of Tabor.

Prof. and Mrs. S. E. Gideon of Austin are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Gideon's parents Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Cavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buchanan of Houston, arrived today to spend Christmas and the holidays with Mr. Buchanan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Buchanan.

Miss Mae Stevens is at home from Calvert where she is teaching, to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stevens of Kurten.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Terrebone of Morgan City, La. are guests of Mrs. Terrebone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bonnevillie Jr., for Christmas.

Mrs. S. M. Johnson and little son Sam Jr. arrived from Marlin yesterday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kern.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barbee left yesterday for a visit to relatives and friends in Mr. Barbee's old home, Crowley, La.

Miss Rowena Rhodes has returned from a pleasant visit to her aunt, Mrs. John Q. Tabor, of Houston. She was accompanied home by her brother, Albert Rhodes, who will spend Christmas

with his mother, Mrs. A. M. Rhodes.

Davis Cole arrived last night from Dallas to spend Christmas at his home in this city.

Mrs. O. O. Henderson has gone to Austin to visit her parents.

Miss Nellie Batte is at home from Waco where she is teaching, to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte.

H. T. Lawler Jr. arrived today from New Orleans to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lawler Sr.

Mrs. S. W. Meredith and children are spending a few days with relatives in Millican.

SATURDAY

Allen Smith went to St. Louis today on business.

Mrs. H. G. Umland is visiting relatives in Navasota.

J. H. Mawhinney left today for a visit to Kerrville.

John B. Cavitt of Marlin is a guest of relatives in this city.

Allen Carr of Houston is a guest of relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ogg are visiting relatives in Navasota.

Ed M. Salley of Hearne is a guest of relatives in this city.

J. H. Mawhinney is spending the holidays with relatives at Kerrville.

Joe Spell of Hockley is spending Christmas with his mother in this city.

John D. and Horace Trant of Colony, Okla. are guest of W. P. Trant and family.

Mrs. G. W. Weigand went to Houston yesterday for a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Otto Denton of Whitewright is a guest of Miss Kathleen McMichael for the holidays.

Hayne Johnson went to Navasota yesterday to spend Christmas at his home in that city.

D. D. Eastham of Weldon has joined his wife in a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell.

Algie T. Hearn is at home from Dallas to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Hearn.

Albert Wooten of Galveston is at home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Della Wooten.

Jno. Buchanan of Dallas is at home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wilcox of Montgomery arrived today and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cox and little daughter of Brenham are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

G. C. Street Jr. of Houston left yesterday for Chicago, Ill. on business after a brief visit to relatives in this city.

Wilson Buchanan arrived last night from Humble to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buchanan.

Will Howell, Jr., of San Antonio is spending the holidays with his father, W. S. Howell, and other relatives in this city.

A. A. Dean of Tabor went to Houston yesterday to spend Christmas with his daughter Mrs. S. P. Martin and husband.

Webb Chatham of Toyah is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Chatham, and other relatives in this city.

Lee May of Ennis arrived last night to join his wife and son, who are guests of Mrs. May's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Spell and Miss Bessie Puryear of Taylor are guests of Mr. Spell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spell, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott arrived yesterday from Ft. Worth to spend Christmas with Mrs. Scott's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte.

MONDAY

J. T. Pate of Harvey was in town on business today.

Mrs. Manning Henderson is visiting friends in Mart.

J. L. Mendlovitz spent the week-end with friends in Houston.

Mrs. C. G. Smith went to Cameron today for a visit to relatives.

Miss Eileen Buest of Galveston is a guest at Villa Maria Academy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hudspeth on Christmas Day, a ten-pound boy.

A. E. Graham of Mart is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Belle Ransome.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hejrington are visiting relatives and friends in Houston.

Sankey Park left yesterday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Sheeks of Beaumont.

Mrs. W. B. Hughes of Hearne was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bethea yesterday.

Miss Leila Griffin went to Houston yesterday for a visit to Miss Earline Reading.

Henry Hermer of Dallas is a guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hermer.

J. H. Park of Mexia was here to spend Christmas with his brother, P. S. Park and family.

Dave Kern of Houston was here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kern.

P. S. Park Jr. of Houston was a guest of his uncle, P. S. Park and family of

this city for Christmas.

Mrs. Robe Wilson, Mrs. John Petty and little daughter of Mart are visiting friends in this city.

Miss Lucile Draper has returned from Houston, where she spent Christmas at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Langdon have returned to their home in Marlin, after visiting relatives in this city.

Joe Spell returned to Hockley yesterday, after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Emma Spell.

W. Wipprecht and R. M. Nall Sr. went to Prairie View yesterday to spend a few days quail hunting.

Mrs. C. D. Bennett returned to her home in Waco today, after a visit to her son, Jarrel Lattimer and wife.

Albert Rhodes has returned to Houston, after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. M. Rhodes.

W. S. Howell Jr. has returned to San Antonio, after a brief visit to his father, W. S. Howell Sr. and other friends and relatives in this city.

Miss Emma Montgomery has returned to Crandall, after spending Christmas at her home in this city.

Misses Frances and Abby Eppstein of Calvert were pleasant guests of Mrs. Marshall Bullock for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eaves have returned to Houston, after visiting Mr. Eaves' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Eaves.

Wilson Buchanan has returned to Humble, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ellis and son, Leldon, have returned from Houston, where they were guests of relatives for Christmas.

Little Miss Bess Hines of Dallas is here for a visit to her grandfather, J. T. Hines and other friends and relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carr Jr. returned to Houston yesterday, after spending Christmas with Mrs. Carr's mother, Mrs. M. J. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hewitt, who were pleasant guests of friends in this city for Christmas, have returned to their home in Navasota.

Mrs. Jack Holloway has returned to her home in LaGrange, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boyett.

Mrs. J. C. Shaw and children have returned to their home in Dallas, after visiting her brothers, J. L. and M. S. Edge and families.

John Buchanan, Davis Cole and Carroll Dulaney returned to Dallas last night, after spending Christmas at their homes in this city.

D. D. Eastham has returned to Weldon, after spending Christmas with his wife at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rizzotto have returned to their home in Dallas, after spending Christmas with Mrs. Rizzotto's mother, Mrs. L. Zanetti.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wilcox returned to their home in Montgomery yesterday, after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanders.

G. W. Robinson returned to Galveston yesterday, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Robinson of Wixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cox and Mr. Dilmus Lasch have returned to Brenham, after spending Christmas with relatives and friends in this city.

H. C. Robinson Jr. returned to Houston yesterday after spending Christmas with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Spell have returned to their home in Taylor, after spending Christmas with Mr. Spell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spell.

Mrs. Roger M. Nall of Yoakum went to Georgetown today for a visit to relatives, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nall Sr. of this city.

TWENTY MILLION NOW ESTIMATE LIFE LOSS

Eminent Professor Believes Wholesale Slaughter Will Prove Blessing in Disguise to All Europe.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 24.—"The total destruction of life during two years of war will reach 20,000,000 persons," declared Professor Louis C. Parks, of the Government Health Service, at the annual meeting of the Royal Institute of Sanitarians, just concluded here.

The speaker expressed the hope, however, that this loss of life might somehow prove a blessing in disguise, resulting eventually in a distinct improvement in European civilization.

"In the past ages," said Prof. Parks, "evolution of higher types in animal and vegetable life has generally resulted from cataclysmic changes, and great destruction, by plague, pestilence, and famine has led to an advance in civilization. So it is possible that this Armageddon may be ultimate benefit to humanity."

Touching on the lowering birthrate in Great Britain, the speaker declared that every country in Europe has shown a decreasing birthrate during the past decade, with the exception of Bulgaria, Rumania and Ireland.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beautiful Service and Excellent Program Witnessed by Audience That Filled the Church.

The auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church was filled to its capacity last night at the "White Christmas Exercises," which according to a new custom inaugurated a few years ago takes the place of the annual Christmas tree. The members of the Sunday school instead of receiving gifts at the White Christmas, bring gifts for the Orphans Home at Itasca.

The program and the plans for the evening were among the most complete of any Christmas exercises ever held in Bryan.

The church was prettily decorated the manger being represented, with Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, three

wise men, and the angels. These characters being represented by the members of the Sunday School as follows: Mary, Miss Neville Higgs; Joseph, Master Edwin Rogers; shepherds Emmett Wallace, Chester Higgs and Leslie Ballard; Three wise men, Alec Harris, Henry Harrison, and Edgar Derden; Angels, Nancy Rogers, Mary Ellen Stuart, Frances Wallace, Mary Mitchell. The City of Bethlehem was also pictured in the scene and with the lights of the church turned off except the lights in the city, the scene was beautiful.

A program was rendered by the members of the school as follows: Hymn, Audience.

Welcome speech, C. B. Moehlman. Christmas Emblems, depicted by Pearl Wallace, Stuart Cole, Lilla Graham Bryan, Cyril Budde, Elizabeth Brogdon, Pauline McCulloch.

Song, Intermediate Department.

"A Christmas Flower," speech, Madis Brogdon.

Speech, "Our Mothers," Kathrine Henderson, Donald Cole, John Heard Astin, and Louise Weddington.

Song, by the Primary Department.

Speech, "The First Christmas," Harriet Rushing.

Speech, "Christmas," Reed Mitchell.

Song, Daisy Brogdon, Aline Brogdon, Esther McCulloch, and Mildred Salley.

"Luther's Cradle Hymn," Primary Department.

After the program the lights of the church were turned off and a solo "Holy Night, Silent Night" was sung by Miss Neville Higgs as Mary.

The shepherds were awakened and carried their gifts to the manger, and the coming of the Three Wise men was depicted. The gifts of all were then brought forward. Quite a large box of clothing and presents were contributed, and the popularity of the White Christmas was evidenced in the large number of gifts received. After all gifts were brought forward a collection was taken up for the Orphans home and about \$60.00 was contributed.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the young ladies and young men who took part in the exercises are to be complimented on the excellent manner in which they acquitted themselves.

The box and the contribution were expressed to the Orphan's Home last night and will arrive in time to bring joy to the hearts of the little ones, in the home, on tomorrow.

BLOODHOUNDS ARE TRAILING BANDITS

Postoffice at Calvin Robbed and \$200 in Stamps and Money Orders Stolen.

[By Associated Press.] Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Bloodhounds are trailing the bandits who last night robbed the Calvin postoffice, escaping with about two hundred dollars in stamps and money orders. There was no fight at Calvin, but the city marshal was forced to look on while the safe was blown.

FOUNTAIN SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Jimmy Cahill was in the city today and reported the most delightful Christmas exercises at the Fountain school last night ever enjoyed in that community. Miss Betty McVey is teacher of the school and under her able direction a splendid program had been prepared and its rendition was almost perfect. The many children taking part in the program acquitted themselves in a manner which was not only a credit to themselves but to their teacher as well. The house was crowded with an audience of at least two hundred and fifty. The school will resume on January 3rd, after the Christmas holidays.

ATTENDED LEVEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Levee Commission of Burleson County District No. 1 was held in Caldwell yesterday. H. O. Boatwright of the First National Bank of this city, Judge J. W. Doremus, and Horace Boyett, head of the engineering work on the levee were present at the meeting.

OAK GROVE CHRISTMAS TREE.

The annual Christmas tree and the accompanying exercises of the Oak Grove Sunday school were held last night at 7:30 o'clock at the Oak Grove Addition school house. Almost every member of the school and about two hundred visitors were present. The tree was laden with presents and was beautifully decorated. Old Santa Claus was present, much to the delight of the children, and made a little talk, after which he distributed presents to the children. A good program had been prepared by Miss Willard, the teacher of the Oak Grove school, and

its rendition by the members of the school was highly applauded by all present. The evening was one of thorough enjoyment for all.

COTTON LINT BARR- ED FROM MAILS

The Prohibition Is on Foreign Countries to Protect Against Cotton Pests.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 24.—The post-office department today prohibited the use of the mails for handling all foreign cotton lint except from the Mexican states Coahuila, Durango, Chihuahua, Tamaulipas, and lower California. The precaution is taken against cotton pests.

ATHLETIC CLUB ORGANIZED.

Quite a number of Bryan young men have organized an athletic club and will make their club rooms at the Daly building over R. M. Vick's Confectionery. Part of the equipment of the former Bryan Athletic Club has already been installed and other equipment to make it a first class club will be ordered in the near future. The charter members are making an effort to induce all the boys and young men of the city to become interested, and hope to make it a thorough success. Athletic clubs, when rightly conducted, are next to Y. M. C. A.'s and are a great aid to young boys in helping them physically, and helps create more interest in many sports.

SANTA'S WHISKERS SINGED.

[By Associated Press.] San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 24.—At the Lake View school near San Angelo, Tom Mather, a ranchman, while playing Santa Claus, had his whiskers set on fire from a candle on the tree. Persons present probably saved Mather's life. As it was, his face and hands were seriously burned.

ONE KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

[By Associated Press.] Galena, Kans., Dec. 24.—The fireman was killed, the brakeman fatally wounded and eight persons seriously injured in a collision between an Oklahoma-Gulf accommodation train and a Frisco passenger train in a thick fog here this morning.

BUCHANAN DENT.

A beautiful marriage ceremony was solemnized at the First Baptist Church in Houston on Thursday, Dec. 23rd, when Miss Dora Dent of that city became the bride of Mr. Frank Buchanan, Dr. J. L. Groose, pastor of the church, being the celebrant.

On account of a recent bereavement in the family of the bride, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony, but the occasion was none the less beautiful and impressive for its quiet simplicity.

The dainty bride wore an exquisite street suit of velvet, with hat and gloves of same shade, and her bridal flowers were valley lilies and bride buds.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are guests of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, for the Christmas holidays.

Frank Buchanan is a Bryan boy, having lived here all his life, until about five years ago, when he went to Houston to make his home, and his many friends in this city are extending to him and his bride a cordial and hearty welcome, with added good wishes for a long and happy life.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. I. McCulloch et al to Johnson & Rohde et al, lots 12 and 13 in block 2 and all of block 1 except lot 9 of Rose Hill addition to the city of Bryan; consideration \$5 and other considerations.

W. I. McCulloch et al to J. B. Priddy, lots 3 to 11 inclusive, and lots 14 to 22 inclusive, in block 2 of Rose Hill addition to the city of Bryan; consideration \$100.

Mrs. Emma Bradley to Mrs. Maggie Barker, all lots in block 185 of the town of Millican; consideration \$1 and other considerations.

BURGLARY LAST NIGHT.

The grocery store of J. H. and R. S. Mawhinney on North Main Street was entered last night, the burglar effecting entrance by breaking a glass out of the transom over the rear door. The cash register was rifled and we are informed a quantity of merchandise was taken, but the Eagle was unable to learn the full facts in the case as neither of the proprietors could be seen today.

SAILS FROM CHRISTIANA ON NEW YORK STEAMER

Leaves Norway for New York Without Ever Reaching the Real Theatre of War—Says the Expedition Will Continue Under Auspices of Women's International Peace Association. Not Known if Any of Other Members Are Coming With Him—Engagements on the Several Fronts Have Made Impossible the Predicted Universal Christmas Truce—Germans Claim Success on French Front—Russians Claim Important Gains—Turks Report the Driving Away of Allied Warships—Allies Order Greeks to Abandon Certain Towns.

[By Associated Press.] Christiansia, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford sailed on the liner Bergensfjord today for New York. He said the peace commission would continue under the auspices of the Woman's International Peace Association.

A Copenhagen dispatch says Ford gave two hundred and seventy thousand dollars to the peace expedition before sailing.

He quit because the members of the party were at loggerheads and all official doors were closed.

No Christmas Truce.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 24.—Isolated engagements on the various fronts have upset the predictions of a universal Christmas truce in the war zones.

Berlin officially claims the Germans have completely regained the Hartman-Weilerkopf positions recently taken by the French in the Vosges declaring the French were driven out of all trenches on the Northern slope of the peak.

The Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembola, Galicia, and claim a steady advance in Persia in the effort to link the Russians with the British in Mesopotamia.

The Montenegrin statement says the Austrians were repulsed with heavy losses in the attack on Touriak.

The French report contradicts Berlin although it admits the French retreated on left wing in the Vosges.

Washington Investigate.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 24.—An inquiry into the sinking of the Yasaka Maru will be made by the state department through the consular agents. Further correspondence with Austria or Germany will result if it is officially confirmed the vessel was sunk without warning.

Socialists Discuss Peace.

[By Associated Press.] Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—A number of prominent Socialists from all the belligerent countries, except Italy, met last Wednesday at the Hague and discussed the provisional character of steps which might bring about peace, according to a telegram.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS TREE.

Splendid Exercises and Happy Evening for All.

The big crowd present at the First Baptist Church Sunday school Christmas tree and exercises last night overflowed into the Sunday school room, and there was hardly a member of the Sunday school absent. The Christmas decorations and the decoration of the tree were evidences of the handiwork of the decoration committee and presented a sight that would bring joy to the hearts of the little ones and all present. A fine program had been prepared and was rendered as follows:

Chorus—Merry, Merry Christmas, primary and junior departments of the school.

Song—Love Lifted Me—Pauline Davis, Mary Jones, Leila Davis.

Dialogue—If I Had a Christmas Gift to Give, Marie Elizabeth and Frank Webb.

Reading—Christmas Night at Bedtime, Lillie Rush Walker.

Reading—Christmas Shopping, Helen Batte.

Trilo—Rockabye My Dollie Dear, Mary Jones, Leila Davis, Ruth Beard.

Reading—A Suggestion for Christmas, Chas. Edge.

Reading—(Subject not furnished), Erin Jolly.

Reading—A Real Santa Claus, Morris McKnight.

Duet—Christ Was Once a Little Boy, Lois Bullock and Aline Smith.

Reading—Santa Claus and the Little Helper, Nancy Moore.

All the numbers were exceedingly

Sees Peaceful Settlement.

[By Associated Press.] Vienna, Dec. 24.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the U. S. over the sinking of the Ancona are susceptible to an amicable settlement.

Was A German Sub.

[By Associated Press.] Rome, Dec. 24.—Dispatches from Egypt state it was a German submarine which sunk the Yasada Maru in the Mediterranean without warning.

Want More Sugar Beets.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Russian industry in agriculture appeals to the farmers to increase the acreage in sugar beets because the people are eating more sugar now as a substitute for fats and sugar molasses are proving a valuable horse feed. A year ago the farmers were urged to restrict beets and plant more grain because of the uncertain German supply of cereals. The appeal now says this situation is wholly changed.

Drove Off Allied Ships.

[By Associated Press.] Constantinople, Dec. 24.—(Official) On the Dardanelles front, Turkish artillery forced five enemy torpedo boats and one cruiser to retire, the cruiser being hit. A violent artillery action occurred on the right wing of Sedul Bahr. A hostile aircraft was shot down at Pirsheba.

British Casualties.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 24.—Premier Asquith told the house of commons today the total British casualties to December 9th, were 523,227. Of the casualties 119,923 were killed and the balance wounded or missing.

Ordered Greeks to Evacuate.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Dec. 24.—The overseas agency states the Anglo-French has ordered the Greeks to evacuate for strategic reasons twenty prosperous towns between the Landzade and Galiko rivers within forty-eight hours.

well rendered and the occasion was one of joyousness, and the evening was happily spent by all.

Old Santa Claus was present, and much to the delight of the little tots, spent the entire time in the church, first distributing presents among the little folks and then talking and playing with them during the remainder of the exercises.

The arrangements for the distribution of the presents were perfect and these were delivered without delay.

A MOTORCYCLE MIX-UP.

A serious accident was narrowly averted yesterday afternoon when a motorcycle, which was pulling a bicycle and its rider, the bicycle being connected to the motorcycle by a rope, ran into the rear wheel of an automobile just as the automobile turned the curb at Hardy Newton's grocery store. The riders of the two cycles were thrown violently to the pavement and their cycles piled up in the middle of the street, but luckily both escaped practically uninjured.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

A young man who gives his residence as Houston has been arrested and is being held in jail by Sheriff Nunn on suspicion of stealing an automobile which he was endeavoring to sell here for \$125. The car, we are informed, is a seven-passenger, but the Eagle did not learn the make, or the name of the young man. His case will be thoroughly investigated by Sheriff Nunn before definite action is taken.

PLOW TIME IS CLOSE TO HAND

Remember, we sell the Case Steel Plows, Empress and 20th Century Planters and Cultivators. Now, listen, suppose you try a Case, backed by an iron-clad Guarantee. Now we say in all candor that the Case Plows, Cultivators and Planters have no equal. We stand asking a trial of these famous Plows, Cultivators and Planters.

Just received one car of Barbed Wire, Hog Wire and Poultry Netting. Our prices are right. We solicit a portion of your valued trade.

With a happy Christmas, a prosperous New Year, we thank one and all for past favors; hope we have made it profitable for you to trade with us. With love to all and malice to none, we are yours for 1916.

MYERS HARDWARE CO.

THE CITY SCHOOLS.

Walton R. Cole, one of the best boys the Bryan High School ever graduated, was here to see us the other day. Walton is making a record at the University of Texas and we are proud of him. The world will hear of him.

Lois Pipkin, class of '15, reached home from Baylor University yesterday and came to see us the same day. Baylor has already found out why we think so much of her personally and as a pupil. We never graduated a better pupil.

After eleven years in the Bryan public schools, when the bell rang the other day, Lucy Harrison, just home from the College of Industrial Arts, came to school again. At college honors and recognition came to her, just as they always do wherever she works. Everybody was glad to see her.

Three big-hearted, whole-souled young men, members of last year's graduating class, were here yesterday. They were Noah Dansby, from A. and M. College; Walter Holmes, from Tyler Commercial College, and George R. Wicker, editor in chief of Volume I, High School Annual, also from Tyler. We did not call it a visit—we called it coming home. There is always a cordial greeting for Bryan High School pupils returning home.

Professor Thomas Fletcher, M. A. University of Texas, was here the other day on his rounds of inspecting schools whose work is acceptable to the highest universities. As is generally known, Bryan High School is on the accredited list of the University of Texas.

With an average of 97 and a grade of 100 on the efficiency test on arithmetic which the expert, Dr. Strayer of Teachers' College, New York, has been giving in school surveys, Eugene Edge is dreaming of reindeer, sleigh bells, stocking and Christmas.

Of the thirty-six pupils who took the tenth grade English examination last week, thirty-three passed and only three failed. That tells something of the efficiency of our schools. Of the three who failed, two were new pupils from other schools. So, you see, of those prepared in our schools, only one fell short on that English. The highest grade on it was made by Alma Holden and was 96.

Forty-two ninth grade pupils took the English examination and thirty-eight of them passed. The highest grade was 98, earned by Maude Brown.

The marks on eleventh grade geometry were as follows:

Leslie Ballard	100
Charles Cole	95
George Davidson	95
Hettie Edge	95

Ethel Evans	80
Alex Harris	94
Edna Harris	90
Henry Harrison	90
Arno Henderson	100
Velma Hensarling	85
Jack Hyland	97
Ardella Jones	70
Myrtle McCullough	97
Louis McCullough	82
Frances Mike	85
Tilman Moore	69
Dean Osborn	92
Elbert Robinson	90
Ruby Shaw	70
Floy Smith	80
Frank Shramek	66
Edel Thompson	68
Willie Pat Withers	62
Amelia Wittman	75
Stella Woodard	94
Gertrude Yeager	95

BRYAN OIL MILL
CLOSED FOR SEASON

About Half Crop Seed Crushed—Reasons for High Prices on Products. Manager Glad Producers Got Good Prices.

The oil mill has closed down for the season after having made the shortest run since the present management took charge. The mill crushed less than half as many seed as last year.

Mr. J. W. Howell, the manager of the mill states that their weekly payroll for day labor averages around \$400.00 which is spent in Bryan and comes out of products shipped out so it is money from away from home and not merely swopping dollars.

As to the unprecedented prices of seed Mr. Howell states that several causes entered into it. First speculation.

Easy money in East. The largest factor brings the greatest demand for oil to drop to 26 cents per gallon, this year put it up as high as 56 cents per gallon, bringing the cheapest source of glycerine used in making nitroglycerine, usually lard governs the price of cotton seed oil but this year cotton seed oil is making the price of lard. Last year the war caused best grade linters to go to 1 cent per pound. This year mill-run linters went as high as 7 cents. Lint is so high that it is used almost exclusively for munition purposes, even hulls enter into the war game and are no longer a drag on the market and have advanced to such a price that they cannot be fed to a profitable advantage. Fiber mills are springing up all over the South East and are using hulls by the thousands of tons making fibre for ammunition factories. The only other product of cotton seed except dirt, which amounts to about 130 pounds to the ton, is cotton seed cake, the price of same is usually high notwithstanding the largest feed crop ever produced in the U. S. and an \$18.00 per ton freight rate to Europe. Those people over there find it cheap feed even under present conditions.

When asked the question if oil mills made much on the advance of products Mr. Howell stated that on account of the unusual conditions that most of the mills sold their products as fast as seed were accumulated and some even ahead thinking every day the top of the market had been reached. With a few exceptions he thinks this season the worse from an oil millers stand point than for several years. However he is glad for the farmers that seed are high and hopes that cotton seed products next season will be high enough to justify equally as high prices for seed as this fall.

Charles Cole	95
George Davidson	95
Hettie Edge	95

JAPANESE LINER
WAS DESTROYED

Large List of Passengers Thrown Into Sea Without Warning—French Boat Came to Rescue.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner, Yasaka Maru, with 120 passengers, including one American aboard, was sunk without warning Tuesday in the Eastern Mediterranean by an unidentified submarine. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew, landing them at Port Said Wednesday. The name of the lost ship was given as that of the Yasaka Maru yesterday.

ELECTRIC LINEMAN
LOST HIS LIFE

Voltage of 2,300 Passed Through Body, Causing Instant Death.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 23.—David R. Culp, father of a baby 5 days old, was electrocuted at 4:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon while working on a Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company pole at Houston avenue and Crockett street. A voltage of 2,300 passed through his body and he died instantly.

HOUSTON MAN
TAKES OWN LIFE

A Bottle of Chloroform Nearby Told Story of Death Self-Inflicted.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 23.—O. H. Hawley, employe in the telegraph department of the Texas Company, died in the Baptist Sanitarium at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, two hours after he was found in his room suffering from hemorrhage of the bowels, due to chloroform poisoning.

An empty bottle, which had contained chloroform, was found on the table near the bed.

A STRONG BANK
WAS CLOSED TODAY

Had Deposits of Ten Millions of Dollars—Closed by State Banking Department of Pennsylvania.

[By Associated Press.] Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—A Pittsburgh bank for savings, with more than \$10,000,000 deposits, failed to open this morning. A notice tacked on the door says: "Closed by order state banking department."

A great part of the deposits was Christmas money.

The depositors included 30,000 school children, who made weekly deposits in the savings accounts.

COMPRESS FIGURES.

According to figures given the Eagle by officials of the Bryan Compress Company the Bryan press had squeezed 20,140 bales of cotton this season up to last Sunday. About six hundred were pressed Monday, which makes a total of about 20,600 bales for this season.

KATY SHOPS TO
BE KEPT BUSY

[By Associated Press.] Denison, Tex., Dec. 22.—Contracts were awarded today which will keep the local Katy Railroad shops busy for three years. Several hundred men are affected.

SMALL GROCERY BURGLARIZED.

Another burglary case was reported to the officers today by Claude Lawson, proprietor of a small store near the East Side High School, who reported that his store was burglarized Tuesday night. The burglar effected an entrance by forcing the lock on the front door. The cash drawer was rifled and 70c in change was stolen. No goods were missed by the proprietor. The officers are at work on the case.

Sheriff Nunn states that it is almost impossible for the officers to prevent the burglarizing of the small stores scattered over town without the assistance of the proprietors. The business section of town requires a number of men, and it is impossible to keep the various small establishments of the city under surveillance.

PERPETUAL JOY
NOT FOR HIM

So Says Old Timer After a Lively Ride on a Salt Wagon.

Everybody knows L. S. (Coon) Williams, who resides at Coleview, and his good wife, Miss Ellie. They have lived a long life at this quiet little place and after forty years of good, hard service, recently decided to spend the remaining years of their life in comfort and happiness, so far as is possible in this world.

In addition to making a comfortable home and surroundings, this "old timer" dreamed one night that if he had a Ford that life on this earth would be a continual day of sunshine and happiness and persuaded his wife to join him in the purchase of this celestial joy.

After months of reasoning and grooming he consented one day to try a ride and if no ill effects were had he would buy.

It was not long until he would venture out alone, except with his chauffeur, an African, who is as black as the night.

The venture was all that he expected—pure joy and bliss, until one day last week, returning home from Bryan after a day of Christmas shopping his joy turned to grief—the Ford quit right in the middle of the road.

With that eye of alertness like unto an eagle, he discovered the approach of a freight wagon belonging to a friend and loaded with salt, and knowing the dependence of this conveyance, together with Mrs. Williams, loaded on and went into home and to loved ones without a mishap. He was here again today and is convinced that money will not buy all that is necessary for one in this life of ours.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR
ORCHARD FRUITFUL.

In Farm and Fireside is the account of a simple expedient that made money for a New England apple grower:

"Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh bought a farm in New London County, Connecticut, in 1913. An old apple orchard graced—or, more properly speaking, disgraced—the place, for it bore no apples and paid no rent for the land occupied. In the fall of 1913 he pruned the trees, but they bore no fruit in 1914.

"In October, 1914, Mr. Fitzhugh decided it was time for a shake-up, and what was more fitting to use for the shake-up than dynamite?

"Four holes were made twenty-four inches deep and six feet away from the trunk of each tree. Then the holes were loaded with a small charge of the big noise-maker.

"In 1915 the trees bore a crop of extra fine fruit, and present prospects seem to be good for a vigorous future production of the trees thus treated.

"There is no mystery about it. Blasting accomplishes the same purpose as deep plowing. Root expansion becomes easier and the soil is broken up; new stores of plant food are made available; the soil is aerated and the movement of moisture promoted. In short, the tree is given a chance for its life by giving it favorable environment in which to grow and perform its function of making fruit."

LINKING THE SCHOOL
WITH THE FARM.

In Farm and Fireside a writer tells of the interesting achievement of the high school at Hamburg, N. Y., in placing real agricultural work within the reach of boys and girls. As a result of this, seven out of every ten male students that are graduated from the Hamburg High School take up farming as a living.

"Hamburg," we read, "is in the center of a very rich agricultural district on which Buffalo's half-million persons depend to a big extent for their farm produce. Last June graduates from all departments of the school numbered seventeen, and all boys of the class but one intend to take up farming for a living.

"The good effect of the course on students is reflected in the increased attendance at school for the full term from September to June. Since the course was started not one pupil studying agriculture has lost even a half-day for reasons other than illness."

ENORMOUS LOSS
OF BRITISH MEN

Seige at Dardanelles Costly to Great Britain in Officers and Men.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles to Dec. 11 was 112,921.

SINKING OF VESSEL
CAUSE BIG EXCITEMENT

Uneasiness in Greece Owing to Possibility of Bulgarians Crossing Territory—Berlin Announces Important Territory Taken—Sinking of Tusoka Maru Heaviest Loss to Marine Insurance Men Which Causes Great Excitement—French Withhold Reply to Recent U. S. Note—Austrians Halt Montenegrin Campaign.

[By Associated Press.]

London, Dec. 23.—It is unofficially reported that a proclamation for martial law in Greece is imminent because of the growing uneasiness over the possibility of the Bulgarians crossing the Greek border. The announcement that the Bulgarian officer commanding the force which recently clashed with Greeks in Epirus has been punished and the incident closed, is the only thing occurring to relieve the situation, according to reports from both sides. The Russian bombardment of Varna, the Austrian Black Sea port, was only a minor action, but it is known that a large Russian fleet is in that vicinity and incidentally may have been a preliminary to a serious attack on the western front. Berlin announces the summit or Hartmans, Weilerkopf, captured by the French Tuesday, has been regained by Germans. The French claim they have advanced still further on the right wing of that position. The Turkish report that Turks were successfully advancing on Aden, a British port in Southern Arabia, is denied in the House of Commons by the secretary or India, who said there was no change in the Aden situation in the last two months.

Ship Sank in Few Minutes.

[By Associated Press.] Tokio, Dec. 23.—Dispatches here state that the Tasaka Maru, which was sunk Tuesday afternoon with passengers and crew, were rescued at midnight. The ship sank in forty-five minutes. The marine insurance men state that the property loss of this disaster was the heaviest during the war. There is great excitement here.

U. S. SECOND NOTE
SENT TO AUSTRIA

Maintains That Admissions of Austria on Sinking of Ancona Justifies All Demands Made.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

Secretary Lansing's second note, probably already in the hands of the Austrian foreign minister and made public here today, renews the demands of the United States and says the details to which Austria referred in her reply to the first American communication are in no way essential to this discussion. It emphasizes that continuance of good relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government. The text of the note follows:

"The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on Dec. 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On Nov. 15, 1915, Baron Zweidnek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles

Turkish Artillery Destroys Vessels.

[By Associated Press.] Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The Turkish official statement says: The Turkish artillery on the Anatolian coast of Dardanelles successfully bombarded Mortoliman and all the landing places at Tekkeburnu, sinking two small vessels and some small ammunition ships. In one sector cleared of enemy, we found provisions and war material sufficient for the army corps for a long time. On the Irek front, Mesopotamia, Turkish artillery sank two of the enemy monitors and damaged another.

France Withhold Reply.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 23.—The State Department was advised today that France will not reply to the American protest against removing the Germans from American vessels by the cruiser Descartes until the commander of the warship makes his reports. France is endeavoring to secure the report.

Austrians Halted Montenegrin Campaign.

[By Associated Press.] Paris, Dec. 23.—The Montenegrin consul here in a statement today says the Austrians have halted their Montenegrin campaign and are fortifying the entire front in Sanjak, sending the population and live stock away.

Germans Retake Summit of Hartmans.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Dec. 23.—Regarding the summit of Hartmans, Weilerkopf, the Germans took fifteen hundred French prisoners, it is officially stated.

which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.

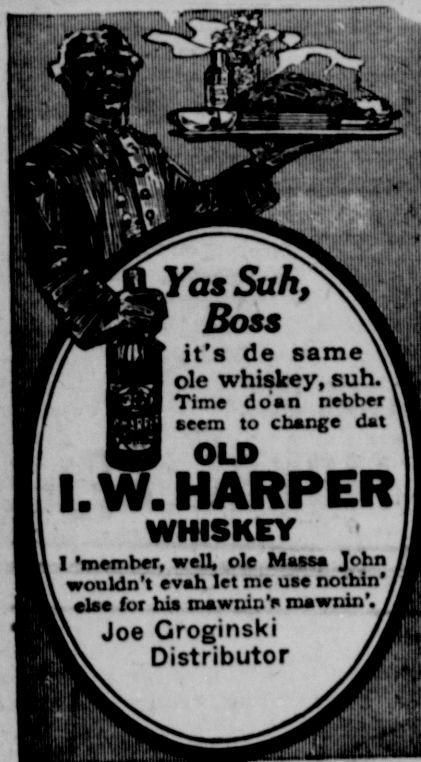
"In view of these admitted circumstances, the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander in any case established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

"The government of the United States, therefore, finds no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them."

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WILL ABANDON CIRCUS METHODS

Extension Workers of A. and M. College Want Interested Farmers Rather Than Big Crowd.

Departure from the circus methods of drawing crowds and preaching better methods of agriculture has been taken by the extension service of the A. and M. College. At a meeting of all of the extension workers at the college, which began Monday and will continue until Saturday, the little body of specialists who have been meeting face to face with the farmer and the farm woman during the past six months placed themselves on record as opposed to "brass band and spectacular meetings."

"Give me a few interested farmers, that's all I ask," said one of the speakers and the others gave a hearty "Amen." Demonstration trains and other such movements in the interest of a better agriculture have been of great force in awakening interest in improved farming methods, but from year to year a greater array of home conveniences, farm implements and livestock was demanded in order to insure the big crowds which were so earnestly desired.

Now the time has come for real work, say the extension people, and an entire community may best be reached through the instruction of a few good farmers. The recent horticultural special operated by the Katy in co-operation with the A. and M. state department of agriculture, resulted in much good because the work on that train was thoroughly practical. Every train has resulted in much good. "Four men in earnest are worth an audience of 600 idle curiosity seekers who pay no heed to the talks and demonstrations," said Director Ousley in speaking to the extension workers. "We want our work to begin on rock-bottom. No circus methods, no ban wagon tricks. Give the farmers the benefit of your knowledge of better agriculture and give it to them in such a way that they can readily understand your teachings and put them into practice. Do not befuddle their minds with high sounding terms. Speak in their language. Engage in teaching of proven worth and adapt your talks to the demands of the community in which you are working."

The conference is being well attended by all of the extension department workers and the five districts demonstration agents who are under W. F. Proctor, state agent. The specialists will make a report on their work of the past six months and exchange ideas as to how the service of this department may be bettered. Plans for the next six months' work will be made.

Those who are here are C. C. French, hog club and baby beef club worker; C. M. Evans, animal husbandman; R. L. Pou, dairy husbandman; F. W. Latham, horticulturist; P. M. Gerren, agronomist; J. L. Thomas, creamery expert; Dr. F. R. Jones, hog cholera expert; H. M. Elliot, rural credits; F. W. Kazmeier, poultry; Miss Bernice Carter, Miss Carnella Simpson and Mrs. Gerren, domestic science workers.

BRYAN CANCELED PASSAGE.

Owing to Ford's Return, Will Not Go to Europe.

(By Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 28.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed Monday, but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to this

country, Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

It was learned here that he had booked passage for himself and Mrs. Bryan on the steamship Rotterdam, sailing tomorrow, but Monday he telegraphed that because of Mr. Ford's return he (Bryan) had indefinitely postponed his trip.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Eggs, 25c per doz.
Butter, 15c to 30c per lb.
Hens, 8c per lb.
Fryers, 12½c per lb.
Broilers, 15c per lb.
Ducks, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per doz.
Geese, \$3.00 to \$4.00 per doz.
Turkeys, 12c per lb.
Cows, 4c to 4½c per lb.
Calves, 5c per lb.
Steers, 5c per lb.
Hogs, 6c to 6½c per lb.
Oats, 48c per bu.
Corn, 70c per bu.
Prairie hay, \$10.00 per ton.
Bermuda hay, \$12.00 per ton.
Alfalfa, \$19.00 per ton.
Butter fat, 30c per lb.

ATHLETIC CLUB PROGRESSES.

The organizers of the Bryan Athletic Club report good progress in securing members and at the last report about forty had agreed to join the club when the organization was perfected. The club is being organized with an initiation fee of \$1, and the dues will be \$1 per month. Tom Daly, O. L. Strickland and Jim Powers have charge of the organization of the club.

PRICE-EIDSON

Popular Young Wellborn Couple Was United in Marriage.

Mr. G. W. Price Jr. and Miss Lola Eidson of Wellborn were quietly united in marriage at the home of Rev. C. C. Wheeler, pastor of the Free Baptist Church of this city yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Wheeler officiating.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the Wellborn community, was born and reared in Brazos County and is an estimable young man.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Eidson of Wellborn and is a young lady of rare Christian graces and a charming disposition. She is a favorite among her many friends, all of whom express congratulations and best wishes for the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Price will be at home to their friends in future at the home of the bride's mother.

BRYAN PATHOLOGIST HONORED.

On account of illness of the pathologist with Scott & White of Temple, probably the largest surgical institute in the state and in the South, the Bryan Hospital has been petitioned to share a portion of Dr. McAdams' time with them until their pathologist is able again to resume duties. Coming to us from the Temple institute, known to require only the very best skill in this line, Dr. McAdams is being recognized as second to none among the medical profession of the state, and it is indeed a compliment worthy of the highest recognition.

The management of the Bryan Hospital agreed only to share a part of Dr. McAdams' time and this arrangement will exist only a short time until the other physician is able to resume duties.

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SOME WILLING TO TREAT FOR PEACE

Secret Information to the Ford Peace Party Says Some Belligerents Would Listen.

(By Associated Press)
Stockholm, Dec. 28.—Last night's Ford peace party meeting brought out the statement that secret information reveals the fact that certain of the belligerents are willing to negotiate for peace.

B. SBISA HOST TO A. & M. CADETS

Gave Dinner to 150 Stay-Overs—Matters of Interest Pertaining to College Work.

Bernard Sbisa, for thirty-eight years steward at the mess hall at the A. and M. College, appeared Sunday in the role of host to the 150 cadets who remained over at the college during the Christmas holidays. A monster Christmas dinner was served to the stay-overs and a touch of gladness thrown into their holidays.

Friday evening the cadets were the guests of the campus ladies at a Christmas party given in the Y. M. C. A. building. Presents were given to each of the cadets and refreshments were served.

Highway Engineering.

Announcement of the annual short course in highway engineering was made today by R. L. Morrison, professor of highway engineering at the A. and M. College. A two weeks' short course in the fundamentals of road building will be conducted at the College Jan. 12 to 25 inclusive. No fees will be charged. No entrance requirements will be enforced and the course will be open to all men of 21 years of age. This course is intended for men who have had practical experience in road building and maintenance, but who are 'shy' on theoretical instruction. No rigidly prearranged course will be given, but the work will be suited to the needs of each man. Road overseers and superintendents will find especial benefit from this two weeks' instruction.

Rooms may be had in the dormitories for \$1 per week and meals at the mess hall for \$4 per week. Full information may be had from Mr. Morrison.

Farm Building Plans.

In order to meet the insistent demand for better farm buildings the department of agricultural engineering at the A. and M. College has prepared plans for the following, for distribution to farmers and farm owners: Beef cattle barn for seventy-five head, cattle dipping vat, dairy barn, two-story building for twenty head of cattle, framing details included; five-room bungalow, four-room cottage, horse barn for eighteen head, thirty-six feet wide, also one for thirty-eight feet wide, with detailed plans; how house, individual; home made V-shaped terracing drags; milk house, poultry house for sixty-five hens; silo plans (home made Gurler silo), silo (home made, modified Wisconsin), soil saving dam.

These plans were prepared by J. C. Olsen, associate professor of agricultural engineering, and are the result of a careful study of the needs of Tex-

as farmers. Blue prints of these plans are free for distribution.

Extension Workers Meet.

At a meeting of all extension service workers of the A. and M. College here, beginning today and continuing through the week, plans for the coming six months' work will be made. All extension workers and the district demonstration agents will make detailed reports of their work for the past six months and offer suggestions as to how the services of the department may be bettered.

Clarence Ousley, director of extension, will preside at the meeting.

THE PAINTING OF STEEL BRIDGES

By Prof. B. K. Coghlan, Associate Professor of Highway Engineering A. and M. College of Texas.

The life of a steel structure, that is exposed to the weather, may be shorter than that of wood, consequently, it is of the greatest importance that all steel bridges be well painted when first erected and that they be kept well painted thereafter. It is a well known fact that due to lack of care in this respect more steel highway bridges rust out than wear out. The best way to secure a good job of painting is for the county to purchase the necessary supplies from some reputable dealer, then hire the painters to do the work, and impress on these men that the important thing is to get the best possible results and not to rush the job through. If the following instructions are adhered to, and conscientious men employed, or proper inspection made, the result should be satisfactory:

1. The cleaning and painting of steel bridges should be done during dry weather to secure the best results.
2. All the steel should be thoroughly cleaned of rust, loose paint, dirt and grease. This is the hardest part of the job and must be well done if the work is to stand. The best tool to use for this purpose is the sand blast, but where this cannot be obtained good work may be done with scrapers and wire brushes.

3. In the case of new bridges the steel usually has a shop coat of red lead and raw linseed oil. When repainting old structures all the bare spots where the cleaning has exposed the naked steel should be touched up with a similar mixture.
4. Two coats of paint should then be applied, and in order that the bridges shall be easily discernible at night, it is desirable that the paint be light in color. The best paint to use is one composed of white lead and zinc white, used in the proportion of three of the first to one of the second, mixed in pure raw linseed oil. Both coats should be of the same composition except that enough color should be added to one lot to enable the inspector to know when the structure has been entirely covered by the second coat. Before the last coat is applied all the recesses which might retain water or through which water might enter should be filled with thick paint or waterproof paint.

SUSPECT STILL HELD.

The case of Jack Rollins, alias Paul Rollins, alias, etc., held in the county jail by Sheriff Nunn, who arrested him on suspicion of stealing a big seven passenger automobile which he tried to sell here for \$125, is still under investigation. Rollins states now that he was originally from New Waverly, Tex., and was known by the nickname of "Shorty" in that city, but every time he is questioned, he embellishes his former tales a little and adds more complications to the case.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

Cash Crops for 1916 to Be Considered at Jan. 15 Meeting.

With both farm prosperity and general prosperity for 1916 depending upon the cash crop being surplus, or a profit above the farm living expense, the Texas Industrial Congress will make its annual convention, to be held Jan. 15, 1916, an inauguration of a general campaign for the home-grown living on the farms. The program is being prepared with this end in view, and every man who is interested in putting a farm foundation under his business during 1916 is urged to participate. The purchasing and paying power of the average farmer is limited, not only by yields much lower than his land is capable of producing, but because he lives too much from the tin can and the paper sack and the ownership of his crop passes from him before it is ready to harvest. The business interests of the state suffer also from this cause.

Following the convention, the congress invites correspondence from commercial secretaries and public-spirited business men everywhere with a view of co-operating with them in working for such a diversity of the 1916 cropping system in their sections as will bring about the production, to the largest possible extent, upon each farm of

1. Food for the family, including a garden, meat, butter, milk and eggs.
2. More live stock, and a year's supply of food for it.

3. Enough grain crops so that the year's income may not depend so largely on cotton.

This is the most vital issue, because a general return to cotton growing, or "putting all our eggs in one basket," is probable following the better price this year.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, A. F. and A. M. Honors Departed Brother.

At a stated meeting of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, A. F. and A. M., held last night, the following resolutions were adopted in honor of the late Mark Wilcox, who in life was a member of the lodge:

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 6, 1916.—To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, A. F. and A. M., Bryan, Tex.—Your committee on necrology submit the following as their report:

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915, at his home in Brazos County, the finger of God touched Brother Mark Wilcox, and he slept the sleep that knows no awaking until the "resurrection morn." Peace to his ashes and rest to his soul. As a soldier and citizen, husband and father, he discharged all duties incumbent upon him with fidelity. We are informed that he was a Mason in Georgia in the year 1856, hence at the time of his death he was the oldest Mason of this lodge. To his wife and family we tender our condolence at the passing over the river of their protector and our brother.

We submit the following resolutions: Resolved, That a page of our minutes be set apart and suitably inscribed to his memory.

Jewels of the lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days. That a copy of this report be furnished the family, attested by the seal of the secretary of this lodge, and a copy to the Bryan Eagle for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. STODDARD,
PHOCION S. PARK,
C. M. BELL.

RETURNS SATISFIED.

W. A. Murray of Mesa, Grimes County, was a pleasant caller at the Eagle office today, having just returned from Pearsall, where he spent Christmas with his sister. Mr. Murray says he comes back better satisfied than ever to remain in this section, where lands are cheap, where we have good schools and churches, and where everything under the shining sun can be raised. He says the irrigated districts there are fine, but a man to be able to own any of it must be rich enough to stay here or anywhere else. He advises his friends to stay where they are.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

Homer Hunt, colored, was arrested late Saturday afternoon by City Marshal Jno. D. Conlee and lodged in the county jail on a charge of stealing \$45 from the safe of Jno. A. Moore, a well known insurance man of this city. The Eagle is informed that \$11 of the money was found on Hunt, and the officers have learned where he spent \$15, which can be partly recovered. He will be given an examining trial in the near future.

Hunt was released from custody by the officers today on account of the lack of incriminating evidence. The money found on his person could not be identified and no other evidence was found.

MOVED TO WHARTON.

D. C. Buchanan of Harvey departed this afternoon with his household goods in a special car for Wharton, where he is moving. He will be joined by his wife and son later in the week. Their departure is regretted, yet they carry the best wishes of their many friends with them to their new home.

Strayed from my place about Dec. 19, one bay mare mule colt, about 6 months old. Finder please notify me and get reward. W. A. King, Kurten, R. F. D. No. 1.

NOTICE.

To all land owners in Brazos County who have or think they have deposits of gravel or rock, you are hereby notified that the road committee will not deal or buy from promoters, but desire to deal with the land owners direct, to the end that the best interest of the farmer and the road district may be served.

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